

Perfect Plants for Northwoods Pollinators

New England Aster
Aster novae-angliae
 Height: 2-4'
 Soil: Moist-Dry
 Blooms: August
 Light: Sun



Other great asters include: *Aster asureus*, *Aster divaricata*, and *Aster ericoides*.



Wild Bergamot
Monarda fistulosa
 Height: 3-4'
 Soil: Dry-Wet
 Blooms: July
 Light: Sun



Wild bergamot, also known as bee balm, is a favorite for bees. It is also adaptable to most soil conditions.



Common Milkweed
Asclepias Syriaca
 Height: 2-6'
 Soil: Dry-Wet
 Blooms: June-August
 Light: Sun-Part Shade

Common Milkweed is the host plant for the Monarch butterfly caterpillar.



Black Eyed Susan
Rudbeckia hirta
 Height: 1-3'
 Soil: Dry-Wet
 Blooms: July-August
 Light: Sun

A self-seeding annual or biennial with large, yellow flowers that bloom in August.



Golden Alexander
Zizia aurea
 Height: 1-32
 Soil: Dry-Moist
 Blooms: May-July
 Light: Sun to shade

Early spring flowers are an important source for insects emerging from pupation



Showy Goldenrod
Solidago speciosa
 Height: 1-3'
 Soil: Dry-Moist
 Blooms: August
 Light: Sun

The Showy goldenrod is great for well-drained soils. Other goldenrod species can be great too!



Lance-leaf Tickseed
Coreopsis lanceolata
 Height: 1-2'
 Soil: Dry-Moist
 Blooms: May-August
 Light: Sun

Tickseeds have been known to attract many native bee species.



Blue Vervain
Verbena hastata
 Height: 2-5'
 Soil: Moist
 Blooms: August
 Light: Sun

The Blue vervain displays slender, blue, flower spires.



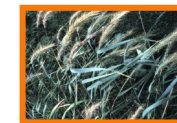
Lavender Hyssop
Agastache foeniculum
 Height: 1-3'
 Soil: Dry-Moist
 Blooms: July-Sep
 Light: Sun-Part shade

Many pollinators are attracted to its purple flowers and anise smell



Canada Wild Rye
Elymus canadensis
 Height: 4-5'
 Soil: Moist
 Light: Sun-Part Shade

A grass found in natural prairies. Native grasses help maintain soil quality and reduce weeds.



Whorled Milkweed
Asclepias verticillata
 Height: 8-20"
 Soil: Dry-Moist
 Blooms: July-Sep
 Light: Sun

Whorled Milkweed is a shorter host plant for Monarch butterfly caterpillar



Roughleaf Rice Grass
Oryzopsis asperifolia
 Height: 1-2'
 Soil: Dry-Moist
 Light: Sun-Part Shade

A good ground-cover grass providing seed to many kinds of birds.



Spotted Joe Pye Weed
Eupatorium maculatum
 Height: 2-5'
 Soil: Moist-Wet
 Blooms: August
 Light: Sun-Part Shade

Many different parts of Spotted joe pye weed are useful for pollinators.



Little Bluestem
Schizachrium scoparium
 Height: 1-3'
 Soil: Dry
 Light: Sun

Bunchgrasses, such as little bluestem, make excellent pollinator nest sites.



Grasses should make up at least 30% of the groundcover.

