HABITAT WORKSHOP





Bee Balm

Monarda fistulosa Full to Part sun, Dry to Moderate soil Height 2-4', Spread 2-3' As the name suggests, this flower is extremely popular with bees.

Great Blue Lobelia

Lobelia siphilitica Full to Part sun, Moderate to Wet soil Height 2-3', Spread 1-2' One of the most attractive plants to pollinators. This strikingly colored flower perfect for that wet part of your garden where other plants cannot survive.



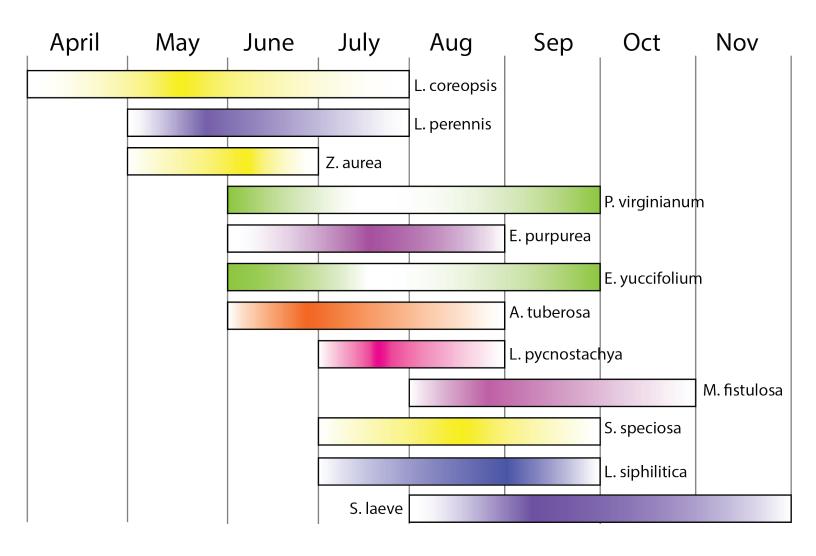


Golden Alexanders

Zizia aurea Full to Part sun, Moderate soil Height 1-3', Spread 1-2' Hosts: Black Swallowtail butterfly.

Goldenrod

Solidago speciosa Full sun, Dry to Moderate soil Height 2-4', Spread 2-3' This vibrant native is often wrongly blamed for the hayfever caused by Ragweed. In fact, it is one of the most important fall nectar sources for bees and migrating butterflies.





Getting Started with Natives

These amiable forbs are the perfect introduction to native plants. They are all easy to grow and offer year round color and habitat.

Remember that natives don't stop with flowers. Grasses, sedges, shrubs, and trees are all part of a robust habitat! For more information and even more native plants, please visit www.indianawildlife.org/wildlife/native-plants.









Butterfly Weed

Asclepias tuberosa Full to Part sun, Dry to Moderate soil Height 2-4', Spread 2-3' Hosts: Monarch, Queen, and Gray Hairstreak butterflies.

Rattlesnake Master Eryngium yuccifolium Full sun, Dry to Moderate soil Height 4-5', Spread 2-3' Hosts: The threatened Master Borer Moth.

Coneflower

Echinacea purpurea Full sun, Dry to Moderate soil Height 2-5', Spread 1-2' Loved by pollinators in the summer and seedeating birds in the fall.

Mountain Mint

Pycnanthemum virginianum Part sun, Moderate soil Height 2-3', Spread 1-2' This extremely hardy native can grow in a wide range of conditions. When the leaves are pressed or crushed, they emit a minty scent. This plant is very popular with native bees.









Blazing Star

Liatris pycnostachya Full sun, Dry to Moderate soil Height 3-5', Spread 1-2' This stunning flower is very attractive to pollinators.

Tickseed

Lanceolata coreopsis Full to Part sun, Dry to Moderate soil Height 1-2', Spread 1-2' One of the earliest non-ephemeral flowers to arrive in spring.

Smooth Aster

Symphotrychum laeve Full sun, Dry to Moderate soil Height 2-4', Spread 1-3' This native may keep its nectar-providing flowers until winter.

Wild Lupine

Lupinus perennis Full sun, Moderate soil Height 3-4', Spread 1-2' Wild Lupine is a member of the legume family, which means it is capable of nitrogen fixation, a process which fertilizes soil. Hosts: Frosted Elfin and endangered Karner Blue butterflies.

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