



## Gardening for Habitat - Native Plants of Interest

Biodiversity is at risk worldwide and the impacts can be found, literally, in our back yards. One third of Canada’s species at risk are found in Southern Ontario. While this may sound daunting, there is something we can do. Studies conducted by the US National Wildlife Federation suggest that gardening for habitat has a positive impact on biodiversity and, if widely adopted, could help reverse the decline.

For gardeners interested in supporting biodiversity, the table below highlight native plants that are particularly beneficial in providing food and habitat for local pollinators.

Early Season	Mid Season	Late Season
<b>Sun</b>		
Wild Geranium Wild Columbine Hairy Beardtongue Golden Alexander Wild Strawberry Common Blue Violet	Early Goldenrod Woodland Sunflower Black-eyed Susan Green-headed Coneflower Lanceleaf Coreopsis Grey-headed Coneflower Evening Primrose Purple Coneflower Butterfly Milkweed Swamp Milkweed Hoary Vervain Wild Bergamot Boneset Joe-Pye Weed	Stiff Goldenrod Grey Goldenrod Ohio Goldenrod Smooth Blue Aster New England Aster Calico Aster Sky Blue Aster Woodland Sunflower Black-eyed Susan Green-headed Coneflower Sneezeweed Purple Coneflower Boneset
<b>Part Sun/Shade</b>		
Wild Geranium Wild Blue Phlox Wild Columbine Golden Alexander Hairy Beardtongue False Solomon’s Seal Wild Strawberry Common Blue Violet	Woodland Sunflower Black-eyed Susan Green-headed Coneflower Grey-headed Coneflower Evening Primrose Purple Coneflower Pale Purple Coneflower Swamp Milkweed Boneset Showy Tick Trefoil	Zigzag Goldenrod Blue-stemmed Goldenrod Smooth Blue Aster Heart-leaf Aster New England Aster Swamp Aster Calico Aster Sky Blue Aster Large-leaf Aster Woodland Sunflower Black-eyed Susan Green-headed Coneflower Sneezeweed Purple Coneflower Boneset
<b>Shade</b>		
Wild Blue Phlox Wild Columbine False Solomon’s Seal Foamflower Large Flowered Bellwort Solomon’s Seal Wild Ginger	Woodland Sunflower Black Cohosh Tall Meadow Rue	Zigzag Goldenrod Blue-stemmed Goldenrod Swamp Aster Calico Aster Large-leaf Aster Woodland Sunflower

<b>Legend</b> Keystone plants (critical for the local food web) Significant host plants for native bees	Other important pollinator plants Plants adaptable to moist conditions
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