

Most Productive Native Plants

Native plants are host plants for native pollinators and insects. Not all native plants are equal. Some native plants host many more insects than others and are considered keystone species, species on which other species in an ecosystem largely depend, such that if it were removed the ecosystem would change drastically.

Check out this list of trees, shrubs, flowers and grasses for best host plants to get the most pollinators in your yard! Download an expanded list of specific native species for our area. List includes planting conditions and light requirements. (link to download # 3 &4)

Perennial Plants	Species Hosted	Woody Plants	Species Hosted
Goldenrod -genus <i>Solidago</i>	122	Oak -genus <i>Quercus</i>	477
Sunflower -genus <i>Helianthus</i>	76	Black Cherry -genus <i>Prunus</i>	381
Strawberry -genus <i>Fragaria</i>	71	Willow -genus <i>Salix</i>	328
Joe Pye, Boneset -genus <i>Eupatorium</i>	32	Poplar -genus <i>Populus</i>	287
Violet -genus <i>Viola</i>	29	Maple -genus <i>Acer</i>	273
Switchgrass -genus <i>Panicum</i>	27	Crabapple -genus <i>Malus</i>	256
Geranium -genus <i>Geranium</i>	25	Hickory -genus <i>Carya</i>	231
Black-eyed Susan -genus <i>Rudbeckia</i>	23	Elm -genus <i>Ulmus</i>	185
Rosemallow -genus <i>Hibiscus</i>	23	Hawthorn -genus <i>Crataegus</i>	154
St Johns wort -genus <i>Hypericum</i>	23	Basswood -genus <i>Tilia</i>	151
Ironweed – genus <i>Veronia</i>	22	Blackberry -genus <i>Rubus</i>	146
Evening primrose -genus <i>Oenothera</i>	15	Walnut -genus <i>Juglans</i>	136
Big bluestem -genus <i>Andropogon</i>	14	Ash -genus <i>Fraxinus</i>	135
Aster -genus <i>Symphyotrichum</i>	12	Beech -genus <i>Fagus</i>	126
Milkweed -genus <i>Asclepias</i>	12	Filbert -genus <i>Carylus</i>	118
Bee Balm -genus <i>Monarda</i>	11	Rose -genus <i>Rosa</i>	114
Verbena -genus <i>Verbena</i>	11	Dogwood -genus <i>Cornus</i>	111
Beardtongue -genus <i>Penstemon</i>	10	Serviceberry -genus <i>Amelanchier</i>	105
Phlox -genus <i>Phlox</i>	7	Arrowwood -genus <i>Viburnum</i>	101
Little Bluestem – genus <i>Schizachyrium</i>	7	Ironwood -genus <i>Fagales</i>	87

To see the complete list, including butterfly and moth species or to create your own list visit National Wildlife Federation

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