Using Native Plants To Support Pollinators

Information from
1)Michigan State ExtensionSmart Gardening
2)www.prairienursery.com

Why native? Native plants are adapted to
1)Local growing season
2)Local climate
3)Local soils

Be aware that pesticide use can harm pollinators.
Follow IPM guidelines.

1) Choose a variety of plants that bloom from early spring through late fall
2) Chose plants with different sizes and shapes of blooms to accommodate the different lengths of tongues of the various pollinators It is possible that modern cultivars or hybrids will have unfamiliar scents or shapes that can confuse native pollinators– Especially the gorgeous double-flowered one
3) Provide a source of water. I have two bird baths and put some slanted rocks in the water so the insects can land and walk down for a drink. Many drown in other containers.
4) Group your plants so there are a concentration of blooms together.
5) Leave some open soil (ie NO compost, etc.) so ground-nesting bees can find a place to lay their eggs.

MY LANDSCAPE

Saskatoon–Native
Cupplant-N
Grass-leaved Goldenrod-N
Monarda fistulosa-N
Lavender hyssop-N
Brown Eyed Susan-N
New England aster-N
Viburnum, blackhaw-N
Nine bark-N
Culver’s root–N
Hoary vervain–N
Creeping pink thyme
Autumn joy & other sedums
Indian feather
Huechera
Harebells
Forest columbine
Panicle hydrangeas
Coneflower
Red Bee Balm
Liatrus-N
Crab apples
Penstemon-N
Blueberries
Ajuga
Foxglove
Sweet woodruff
Lavender
Lemon balm
Veronica
Delphinium
Lady’s mantle
Iris
Lilies
Hollyhocks
Clematis

Oregano, Mint, Winter savory, Summer savory Tarragon, Sage, Italian parsley Many spring bulbs!

DANDELIONS, INDIAN PAINT BRUSH, CROWN VETCH. NORMALLY FOR ANNUALS: NASTURTIUM, CALENDULA, Zinnia

Started from seed this year: Butterfly plant
Ordered: Meadow Rose (prairienursery.com)

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FULL SUN Terraced-hill

Saskatoon
Cupplant
Grass-leaved Goldenrod
Monarda f
Penstemon
Blueberries
Culver's Root
Ajuga
Italian parsley
Thyme
Blackhaw Viburnum
Creeping pink thyme
Savory, summer
Lavender
Lemon balm
Mint, oregano
Verbena

PART SUN Front

Lavendar Hyssop
Brown Eyed Susan
Red Bee Balm
Coneflower
Dianthus
Panicle Hydrangeas
Clematis
Sedum
Lady's mantle
Tarragon
Forest columbine
Huechera
Hollyhocks
Savory, winter
Lemon balm
Harebells
Jacob's ladder
Star Gazer lily

PART SUN Side front

New England aster
Viburnum
Nine bark
Hoary verain
Crabapples
Tithonia
Veronica
Sedum

SPRING BULBS EVERYWHERE, DANDELIONS, INDIAN PAINT BRUSH, CROWN VETCH.

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