

Plant It and They Will Come . . .

Native Plants that Attract Pollinators

Blanket Flower (*Gaillardia aristata*) **Host plant for:** The beautiful Blanket Flower moth. **Attracts:** “fuzzy flies” which look like bees without antennae.

Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)

Host Plant for: Hairstreak, Monarch, and Queen butterflies. Goldfinches use seed down for nests. An important food source for caterpillars. Ladybugs feast on aphids that live on these leaves.

Desert Four O’Clock (*Mirabilis multiflora*) **Host plant for:** White-lined sphinx moth. **Attracts:** hummingbirds & butterflies. Nectar for Sphinx (Hummingbird) moths. Drought tolerant.

Golden Currant (*Ribes aureum*) **Host plant for:** Hoary Comma butterfly. **Attracts:** butterflies, bees & hummingbirds. Cedar waxwings like the berries and early arriving hummingbirds enjoy the nectar.

Goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis*) **Host plant for:** Geometrid (inchworm) moth. **Attracts:** bees, butterflies. A good choice for attracting butterflies to your yard, but is not attractive to deer.

Little Bluestem Grass (*Schizachyrium scoparium*) **Host plant for:** Skipper and Common Alpine butterflies. **Attracts:** Buntings, Finches, Grosbeaks, Sparrows and Towhees who eat seeds. Birds feed their young with the nutritious caterpillars who live on the leaves.

Native Sunflower (*Helianthus maximiliani*) **Host Plant for:** Painted Lady butterfly, plus many species of insects. Goldfinches and ground dwelling birds like Spotted Towhee love the shade and seeds.

Rocky Mountain Penstemon (*Penstemon strictus*) **Attracts:** hummingbirds and bumble bees who love the tubular flowers. Tolerates low water and sandy, rocky soil.

Serviceberry (*Amelanchier alnifolia*) **Host plant for:** Western Tiger Swallowtail butterfly. **Attracts:** Cedar Waxwings, Robins, Mockingbirds, Chickadees, Finches, and Thrashers. The foliage hosts many species of butterfly larvae.

Wild Bergamot (Bee Balm) (*Monarda fistulosa*) **Host plant for:** Hermit Sphinx moth caterpillar. **Attracts:** bees and butterflies and Broad-tailed hummingbirds. Seed heads attract many song birds to your garden.

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