

At-Risk Pollinator Habitat Starter Kit

Each kit includes 24 pint-sized plants, with 3 of each of the 8 species. All plants included are perennials that will bloom between May and October. These species are native plants listed on Dr. Robert Gegear's recommended plant list and are sourced from Bagley Pond Perennials, located in New Hampshire. When planted together, these plants are a great way to provide pollen and nectar to at-risk bee species and other pollinators throughout the year!

As you look to expand your garden, please consider referencing Dr. Gegear's recommended plant list for species that bloom in March and April. Be sure to clump the same species together.

Plant Species Included:



Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*): This grass requires full to part sun and medium to dry soil. Once mature, it will grow to 3 feet tall x 2 feet wide and should be spaced 2 feet apart from other plants. Little bluestem is drought tolerant, deer resistant and will also attract songbirds!



Shrubby St. John's Wort (*Hypericum prolificum*): Requires full to part sun and medium soil. Mature plants will grow to 2-5 feet tall by 2-4 feet wide and should be spaced 3-4 feet apart. This plant is deer resistant and tolerant to different soil types and moisture levels.



Foxglove Beardtongue (*Penstemon digitalis*): Requires full to partial sun or shade and medium to dry soil. At its mature state, the plant size will be 1-2 feet tall by 1-2 feet wide and spacing should be one foot. Foxglove beardtongue is a deer resistant plant that also attracts hummingbirds!



Scarlet Bee Balm (*Monarda didyma*): Requires full to part sun, to part shade and medium to moist soil. Mature plant size will reach 3-5 feet tall by 2-3 feet wide and needs a spacing of 1.5 feet. This deer resistant plant will also attract butterflies and hummingbirds.



Mad Dog Skullcap (*Scutellaria lateriflora*): Requires full sun to part shade and moist-wet soil conditions. As a mature plant, it will reach 2 feet high by 1-1.5 feet wide in size. Spacing should be 1 foot. Mad dog skullcap is deer resistant and got its name from the "cap" shape of the flowers.



Small Yellow Wild Indigo (*Baptisia tinctoria*): This shrubby plant requires full to part sun and medium to dry soil. It will reach 2-3 feet tall by 2-3 feet wide and should have a spacing of 2-3 feet. Mature plants have a deep root system and should not be moved once established. Small yellow wild indigo is a deer resistant plant.



Native Bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*): Requires full-partial sun exposure and dry-medium-moist soil. Once mature, it will reach 4 feet high and should have a spacing of 2-3 feet. This floral deer resistant plant is often used in tea!



Showy Goldenrod (*Solidago speciosa*): Requires full to part sun and medium-dry soil. Mature plant size reaches 3-5 feet high by 2-3 feet wide and needs a spacing of 2 feet. Showy goldenrod is a drought tolerant and deer resistant plant that produces pollen and nectar for native bees, moths, beetles and other pollinating insects!

This table illustrates the bloom time of each plant listed and the species they benefit according to Dr. Gegeer's recommended plant list.

Latin Name	Common Name	Plant Type	Sun	Soil	Bloom Time							Pollinators Supported				
					Early			Mid		Late		B. terricola	B. fervidus	B. vagans	Butterflies	Other Bees
					M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O				
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little bluestem	Grass	Part-Full	Med, Dry												
<i>Hypericum prolificum</i>	Shrubby St. John's-wort	Shrub	Full-Part	Med, Dry												
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Foxglove beardtongue	Herb. perenn.	Full-Part	Wet, Med, Dry												
<i>Monarda didyma</i>	Scarlet bee balm	Herb. perenn.	Full-Part	Wet, Med												
<i>Scutellaria lateriflora</i>	Mad dog skullcap	Herb. perenn.	Full-Part	Wet, Med												
<i>Baptisia tinctoria</i>	Small yellow wild indigo	Herb. perenn.	Full, part	Wet, Med												
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Wild bergamot	Herb. perenn.	Full-Part	Wet, Med, Dry												
<i>Solidago speciosa</i>	Showy goldenrod	Herb. perenn.	Part	Med												

*This data reflects Dr. Gegeer's 2022 list found on his website

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