

STARTER GARDEN LAYOUT

Below is a rough layout of a sunny, pollinator-friendly garden that anyone could grow in their own backyard. This lot is approximately 3'-4' wide and 7'-10' long but can be scaled to fit your available space. For more native plant gardening information please visit rochestermi.org/pollinators.



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|  BUTTERFLY MILKWEED |  NEW-ENGLAND ASTER |
|  ROSE MILKWEED |  MARSH BLAZING STAR |
|  PURPLE CONEFLOWER |  WILD COLUMBINE |
|  BLACK-EYED SUSANS |  BEARDTONGUE |

OUR MISSION



Mayor Rob Ray has signed the Mayors' Monarch Pledge and has joined hundreds of other mayors across the nation to take 24 actions to protect and restore the Monarch butterfly habitats. Rochester Pollinators provides education and resources to preserve the Monarch butterfly and pollinator population. By reintroducing Michigan native plants into local landscapes including home gardens, businesses and municipal landscapes, we can help our local pollinators flourish!

LEARN MORE AT:

- rochestermi.org/pollinators
- City Beautiful Facebook page
- nwf.org/Our-Work/Wildlife-Conservation/Monarch-Butterfly
- For questions, email: Pollinators@trentcreative.com

SPREAD THE WORD AT:

- See a butterfly? Plant native plants? Tag us! [#rochesterpollinators](https://twitter.com/rochesterpollinators)
- Give us a shout out by tagging the City Beautiful Commission on Facebook. We would love to see what you are doing to help our local pollinators!
- Remember to like the City Beautiful Commission Facebook page!

Other Resources:
audubon.org/content/why-native-plants-matter

monarchwatch.org
nwf.org
wildtypeplants.com



A Committee of
Rochester City Beautiful Commission

**SAVE THE
MONARCH BUTTERFLIES
AND OUR LOCAL POLLINATORS**
by planting Michigan native plants in your home garden



THE ISSUE

WE ARE LOSING OUR VALUABLE POLLINATORS

Butterflies and other pollinators have experienced significant declines across the globe. The Monarch butterfly population alone has decreased up to 75%-90% in the last 20 years.

Pollinators are being threatened by a number of factors, including habitat loss, increased pesticide use and new diseases. In the United States, a vast majority of land has been altered in some way, including the creation of millions of acres of lawns which often lack the native plants needed to support pollinators.

ONE-THIRD OF OUR FOOD SUPPLY IS DEPENDENT UPON POLLINATION

Many of our favorite foods require pollination. These include apples, avocados, cherries, almonds, blueberries, coffee, wine, tequila and lemons. Without pollinators these foods will become rare and incredibly expensive.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

PLANT A POLLINATOR GARDEN WITH MICHIGAN NATIVE PLANTS

The most effective way you can help is by planting a pollinator-friendly garden with milkweed for the Monarchs to lay their eggs and other native plants that are good for other butterflies, bees and hummingbirds.

BENEFITS OF NATIVE PLANTS

LOW MAINTENANCE: These amazing plants have adapted to our natural landscapes. Due to their deep roots they require less watering than non-native species and once established in your garden, they require very little maintenance, and they can grow back each year.

HEALTHY & SAFE: These plants are healthy for the pollinators and are healthy for you. On average, suburban lawns have 10 times more chemical pesticides than farms. Native plants are better adapted to our climate and eliminate the need for toxic chemicals, providing a safe environment for our wildlife and our families.

WHERE TO PURCHASE

ASK YOUR LOCAL NURSERY IF THEY CARRY MICHIGAN NATIVE PLANTS

WIEGAND'S NURSERY
Macomb, MI
wiegandsnursery.com

FOGLER'S GREENHOUSE
Rochester, MI
foglersgreenhouse.com

WILDTYPE NATIVE PLANT NURSERY
Mason, MI
wildtypeplants.com

MICHIGAN WILDFLOWER FARM
Portland, MI
michiganwildflowerfarm.com

BORDINE'S
Rochester Hills, MI
Brighton, MI
Grand Blanc, MI
Clarkston, MI
bordines.com

YOU CAN START HERE!

To get you started, we have 10 plants that are hard workers and will keep your garden blooming from June to October for Monarch butterflies and their pollinator friends.



BUTTERFLY MILKWEED

Asclepias tuberosa
Orange
1'- 3' tall
June-July



ROSE MILKWEED

Asclepias incarnata
Pink
3'- 4' tall
June-August

WITHOUT MILKWEED, THERE ARE NO MONARCHS. HERE ARE TWO SUGGESTED SPECIES FOR YOUR GARDEN.

Learn more about the Monarch's 2,800 mile migratory path and the super highways they need to survive at: nwf.org/Our-Work/Wildlife-Conservation/Monarch-Butterfly. Michigan is a part of the super highway.



CARDINAL FLOWER

Lobelia cardinalis
Red
2'- 4' tall
July-August



PURPLE CONEFLOWER

Echinacea Purpurea
Pink
3'- 4' tall
June-August



BLACK-EYED SUSANS

Rudbeckia hirta
Yellow
1'- 3' tall
June-Sept



NEW-ENGLAND ASTER

Aster novae-angliae
Purple
3'- 6' tall
Sept-Oct



MARSH BLAZING STAR

Liatris spicata
Pink
3'- 4' tall
July-August



WILD COLUMBINE

Aquilegia canadensis
Red
1'- 3' tall
May-July



BEARDTONGUE

Penstemon digitalis
White
3'- 4' tall
June-July



TURTLEHEAD

Chelone glabra
White
3'- 5' tall
August-Sept

For more pollinator friendly native plants please visit:
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