Creating a Bee Garden

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A bee-friendly landscape

- shelters and feeds native bees
- helps support honey bees
- ensures good pollination of your vegetables and fruits
- provides season-long beauty, diversity, and interest

Inviting?

Diversity is Key!

- In addition to plants:
  - Provide Shelter
  - Habitat
  - Use pesticides with caution.

pollination

- **adequate pollination increases the *quantity* and *quality* of fruit and seed production**
- **some plants are self-pollinating**
- **Many plants require cross-pollination**

  - **pollinator**

    animal that carries pollen from one flower to another

  - **pollinizer**

    a plant that produces viable and compatible pollen

encourage native pollinators

- **maintain bee-friendly spaces**
  - native plants attract native bees
  - avoid showy highly-bred varieties
    - little/no odor = little/no nectar
    - anthers replaced by petals = no pollen

encourage native pollinators

- plant large patches of the same flowers
- constant succession of blooms will keep pollinators returning to the garden
- mix of flower shapes and sizes bee colors: blue, purple, yellow

Glossy Abelia – *Abelia sp*.

Butterfly Weed
– *Aesclepias tuberosa*

Milkweed – *Aesclepias sp.*

Swamp milkweed

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Agastache - Hyssop

Chives - Alliums

Allium tuberosum

Allium schoenoprasum

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Columbine – Aquilegia sp.

Aruncus – Goats Beard

Drummond Aster
Aster drummondii

False Indigo - *Baptisia sp.*

Basil

Borage - *Borago officinalis*

Brunnera

Butterfly Bush
Buddlea sp.

Caryopteris

Basket Flower
Centaurea americana

Batcherlor's Buttons –
Centaurea cyanus

Buttonbush –
Cephalanthus occidentalis

Redbud – *Cercis sp.*

Summersweet – Clethra alnifolia

Coreopsis

Purple coneflower - *Echinacea sp*.

Sea Holly *Eringium planum*

Hardy Ageratum
Eupatorium coelestinum

Joe Pye Weed – 'Little Joe'
Eutrochium purpureum

Fennel

Carolina jasmine
Gelsemium sempervirens

Hardy Geranium - Geranium sp.
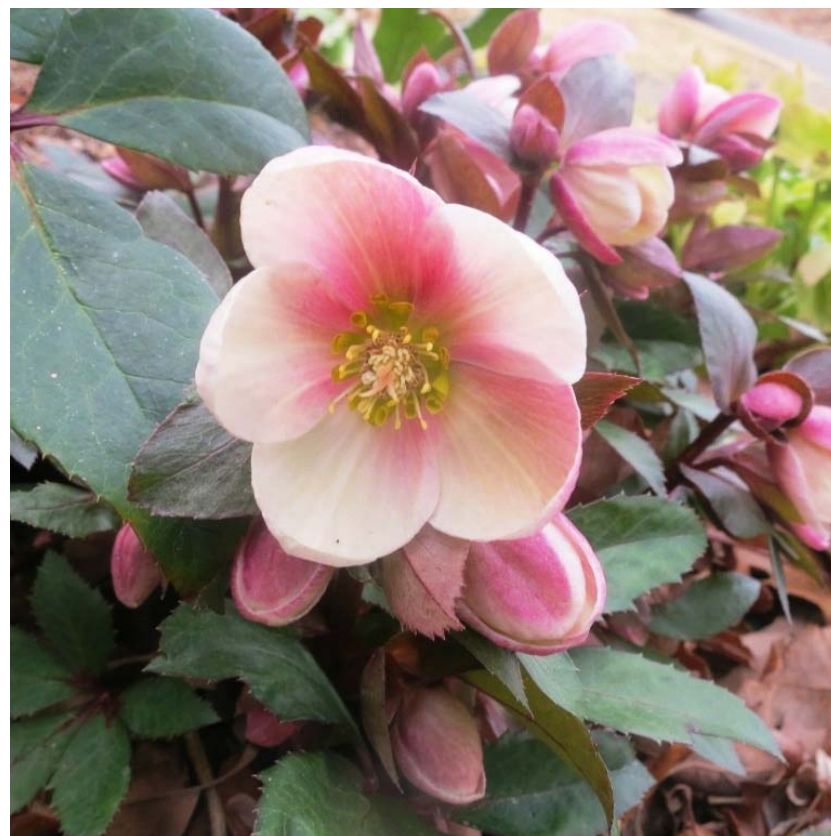
Sneezeweed – Helenium sp.

Sunflowers - *Helianthus sp.*

Sawtooth Sunflower

Hellebores

Holly – Ilex genus

Jewelweed - *Impatiens capensis*

Lavender – Lavendula sp.

Cardinal Flower Lobelia – *Lobelia cardinalis*

Rose Beacon

Mahonia

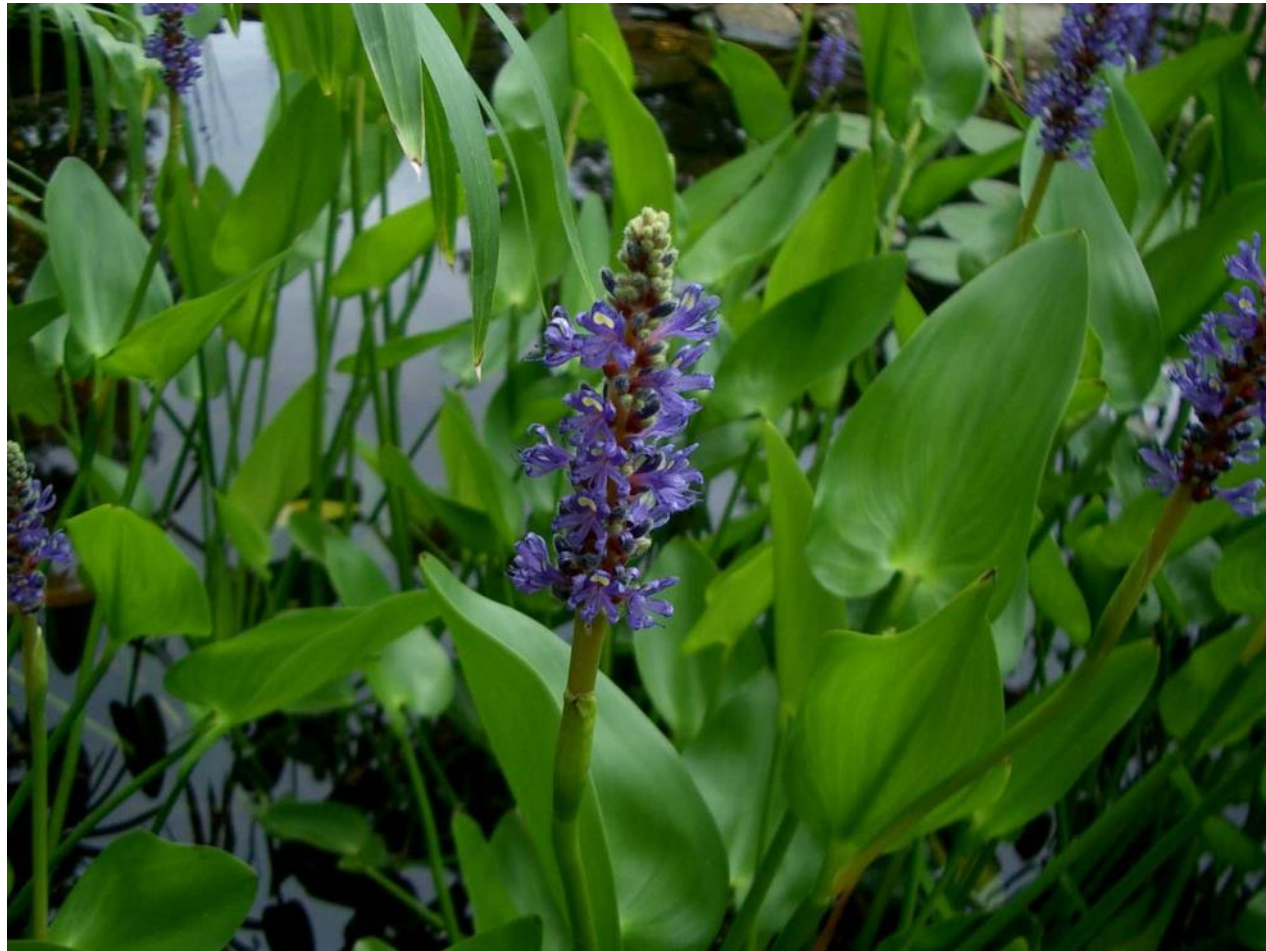# Bee Balm - *Monarda sp*.

Catmint – *Nepeta sp.*

Beardstongue – *Penstemon sp.*

Pickerel Weed -*Pontederia cordata*

Rudbeckia – Black-eyed Susan

Salvia

Elderberry- *Sambucus*

Sedum

Goldenrod
Solidago sp.

Comfrey
Symphytum officinale

Veronica - Speedwell

Vetch

Chaste Tree - *Vitex agnus-castus*

Water Source

Habitat

Be Bee Friendly!