## Pollinator Plants through the Seasons

To attract pollinators throughout the year, choose a variety of plants with varying bloom times. It is recommended to have at least 60% native plants in a pollinator garden. Below is a selection plants that are native to the southeast; they are easy to grow and provide nutritious nectar and food for pollinators and butterfly caterpillars. Be sure to plant at least 2-3 of each plant. Plant 3-5 of Milkweed plants, as Monarch caterpillars are ravenous.



## **Spring/Early Summer Nectar Plants:**

Rose verbena, Spring phlox, Wild columbine, Foxglove, Blue-eyed grass, False blue indigo, Common blue violet, Orange butterfly weed, Common milkweed, Swamp milkweed, Wild blue indigo, Coreopsis, Purple coneflower, Tennessee coneflower, Orange coneflower, False sunflower or Oxeye sunflower, Joe Pye weed, Anise hyssop, Blazing Star or Liatris, Sundrops, Monarda or Bee Balm, Black-eyed Susan (hirta), Wild Senna, Blue Vervain,

Culver's root, Golden Alexanders, Sedum, Penstemon or beardtongue, Gaillardia or Blanket flower, Lobelia, Cardinal Flower, American Boneset, Stokes aster 'Peachie's Pick,' Nodding Onion, Prairie Onion, Rosinweed, Amsonia and Rattlesnake master. **Trees:** Serviceberry, Redbud, Flowering dogwood, Pussy willow, Tulip poplar, Hoptree, Pawpaw and Sassafras. **Shrubs:** Blueberry, New Jersey Tea, Buttonbush, Chokeberry, and Salvia Greggi.



## Late Summer/Fall:

Asters (Aromatic, Raydon's favorite, October Sky, Smooth, New England, Climbing Aster (Ampelaster carolinianus), Mountain mint, Goldenrod (Showy, Stiff, Fireworks, Blue stem), Turtlehead (Chelone gabra) Ironweed, Liatri (Aspera), Native sunflowers (Helianthus annuus), Downy sunflower (Helianthus mollis), Maximilian sunflower, Narrowleaf sunflower, Pale Leaf sunflower, Sawtooth sunflower, Smallheaded sunflower, and Summer Phlox.

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