Add these four flowers to your yard. Plant two or three of each species in a cluster. These plants have been studied and are known to be high attractors of pollinators.

**SPECIES** | **SUN** | **SHADE**
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Aster | New England Aster* | Big Heart Aster
Milkweed | Common and Butterfly Weed | Poke Milkweed
Sunflower | False Sunflower* | Woodland Sunflower*
Goldenrod | Bluestem or Zig Zag | Bluestem or Zig Zag

*Trim these to half size in June to control size*

Be patient native plant growth pattern is **Sleep - Creep - Leap**

You can make additions to your yard that will welcome these visitors without disrupting your garden plan.

You may not be seeing them now, because your garden may not be providing the food needed for these visitors. Over the years, we have filled our yards with Aliens, Nativars, Cultivars and turfgrass. Too often, we have used weed control chemicals that have killed these visitors.

Your garden can be beautiful and become a rich habitat for pollinators.

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**STEP TWO**

If step one was successful and you enjoyed the bees, butterflies and birds that came to your yard, you can use this outline for more. These plants can all be planted in the late fall or early spring.

**BLOOM** | **SUN** | **SHADE**
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Spring | Beardtongue | Columbine
Wild Strawberry | Wild Strawberry
Wild Blue Indigo | Wild Geranium
Golden Alexander | Solomon Seal
Columbine | False Solomon Seal
Columbine | Woodland Phlox
Bluestem or Zig Zag | Wood Poppy
Wild Ginger

Summer | Cup Plant | Jacobs Ladder
Bergamont |
Green Coneflower |
Mountain Mint |
Nodding Onion |
Purple Coneflower |
Swamp Milkweed |
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**ADVANCED**


**VOCABULARY**

**Pollinator**
a diverse group of wildlife such as bees, butterflies, hummingbirds that move pollen and help fertilize plants.

**Native Plant**
a plant that evolved with wildlife, forming a symbiotic relationship with the wildlife.

**Nativar**
a cultivar that is bred from a native plant.

**Cultivar**
a specially bred or cloned plant. May have enhanced color or more abundant blossoms.

**Alien Plants**
a non-native plant that was introduced to a new ecosystem by humans.