# LLCT's 2022 Perennial Pollinator Kit

***Includes 24 quart-sized plants***
***8 species are offered, with 3 plants per species***
***$125/kit***

*The kit offers a robust selection of plants that bloom from early to late summer and provide nectar to Bombus fervidus and vagans, as well as other native bees and butterflies. All plants can tolerate medium soils and full to part sun. Sourced from Bagley Pond Perennials.*

Perennials are also available *a la carte for $6 each.*

**Great Blue Lobelia** (*Lobelia siphilitica*): Showy perennial growing to 2-3' with stems showcasing lavender-blue tubular flowers. Blooms July-October. Prefers sun to shade, and medium to wet soil. Attracts hummingbirds. Supports Bombus vagans.

**Obedient Plant** (*Physostegia virginiana*): Showy, snapdragon-like perennial in the mint family. Grows to 3' and displays pink to lavender tubular flowers in a spike like cluster in the upper part of the stem. Blooms August to October. Prefers sun to part shade, medium to moist soil. Favored by butterflies and hummingbirds. Supports Bombus vagans and fervidus.

**Golden Alexander** (*Zizia aurea*): Perennial with delicate yellow flowers blooming early in April and continuing throughout the growing season. Reaching 1-3', this plant also offers summer and fall interest with reddish stems and purple seedheads. Prefers sun to part shade and medium to moist soils. Critical larval host for the Black Swallowtail. Supports other native bees and butterflies.

**Butterfly Weed** (*Asclepias tuberosa*): This bushy perennial grows 1-3' tall with large, flat-topped clusters of bright, showy orange flowers that grow 2-5" across with stiff, dark green foliage. Attracts butterflies, and even though it is part of the milkweed family, it does not contain milky sap. Prefers sun, and well-drained, even dry soil. Blooms May-Sept, attracts butterflies and hummingbirds, larval host to Grey Hairstreak and Monarch butterflies. Supports Bombus vagans.

**Foxglove Beardtongue** (*Penstemon digitalis*): Sun to part shade, average to dry soil. Reaches a height of 1-3 ft, and a spread of 14-18 in. Attracts bumblebees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinators/wildlife. Supports Bombus vagans and fervidus. Blooms May-July.

**Showy Goldenrod** (*Solidago speciosa*): Grows in moist to dry soil, sun to partial sun. One of the showiest of all goldenrods with flowers occurring in a compact pyramidal column, reaching 2-5'. Blooms Aug-Sept, attracts butterflies and birds.

**Purple Giant Hyssop** (*Agastache scrophulariifolia*): Erect, purplish stems which grow 2-5 ft. Flowers are purple to red, bloom July-Sept. Fragrant, attracts butterflies. Supports Bombus vagans and fervidus. Sun to shade, moist to medium soil.

**Native Bergamot** (*Monarda fistulosa*): Popular and showy perennial. Clusters of lavender, pink or white flowers, blooms May-Sept. Grows 3-4 ft, sun to partial shade, moist soil. Aromatic leaves can be used to make tea. Attracts butterflies, birds and hummingbirds. Supports Bombus vagans and fervidus.

# *A La Carte* Perennial Offering

**Common Blue Violet** (*Viola sororia*): Low-growing perennial reaching 6" across and 4" high with lovely blue-purple flowers. Blooms March through May. Prefers sun to part-shade and tolerates medium to moist soil. Supports native butterflies and bumblebees. Host plant for Meadow Fritillary and Aphrodite Fritillary. *1-quart pot, $6.*

# *A La Carte* Shrub and Tree Offerings

***Shrubs and Trees are offered a la carte. Plant price and size are listed with each plant.***

*This selection of shrubs and trees offer important pollen and nectar throughout the growing season. Bombus fervidus and vagans, as well as other native bees and butterflies rely on these plants. All plants can tolerate medium soils and full to part sun. Sourced from Native Plant Trust and Bigelow Nursery.*

**Pussy Willow** (*Salix discolor*): A small tree reaching 20', this willow sports furry catkins prior to leaf emergence. Important pollen source in March and April for Bombus vagans. Prefers full sun and medium soil. Fast growing. Supports a variety of native bumblebees and is a larval host for the Mourning Cloak and Viceroy. **1-gal, $13.**

**Eastern Redbud** (*Cercis canadensis)*: A small tree reaching 15-30' and boasting a wide crown of pink flowers in a showy spring display. Smooth, heart shaped foliage offers season-long interest. Blooms March through May. Prefers medium to dry soil, and tolerates part shade. Supports Bombus vagans and other native pollinators. **Seedling, $10.**

**Common Witch-Hazel (***Hamamelis virginiana):* Small tree or shrub that usually reaches 10-15' tall. Fragrant yellow flowers are delicate, while foliage turns gold in the fall. Blooms late summer. Tolerates shade and dry to moist soils. Beecology Project pursuing additional research into pollination by moths and small bees. **1-gal, $11.**

**Highbush Blueberry** (*Vaccinium corymbosum*): Shrub that prefers sun for best fruit production and moist, well-drained, acidic soils. Grows up to 10 ft tall and wide. Leaves are simple and green in summer but provide colorful foliage in fall. Berries are the quintessential cultivated blueberry. Blossoms are white or pink and bloom in May and June. Berries attract over 30 bird species, and provides nectar for native bumble bees including Bombus vagans. **1-gal, $13.**

**White Meadowsweet** (*Spiraea alba var. latifolia*): Lovely white flowers grace the top of this 2-5' plant. Tolerates all soil conditions, from wet to dry**.** Sun to part shade. Spread of 2-4 ft. Blooms from July-September. Attracts a range of pollinators including bumblebees and butterflies. Important pollen source for Bombus vagans and fervidus. **1-gal, $11.**

**Northern Bush Honeysuckle** (*Diervilla lonicera*): These long blooming bushes are rugged and their nectar (June-August) attracts butterflies and hummingbirds. Exfoliating bark reveals orange inner bark, and leaves turn red in autumn. Fragrant, small, bell-shaped flowers are yellow-green at first, becoming orange or purplish red. They require sun to part shade, and moist to dry soil. They grow to a height of 2-4 ft and spread 2-5 ft. Supports Bombus vagans. **2-gal, $33.**

**New Jersey Tea** (*Ceanothus americanus*): A low shrub reaching 3' in height. Small white flowers bloom in March and April. Prefers sun to part-shade and tolerates any soil. Deep roots make it well adapted to drought. Supports butterflies and attracts birds. Larval host for the Spring Azure, Summer Azure, and Mottled Duskywing. **1-gal, $18.**

**Flowering Raspberry** (*Rubus odoratus*): A medium sized shrub reaching 3-6' in height and stretching up to 12' wide. Broad, maple-like leaves are complemented by large pink flowers. Fruit is edible but not tasty like cultivated raspberries. Dry, tart, and seedy, fruit supports a variety of wildlife. Blooms June through August. Prefers medium soil and full to part sun. Important pollen source for Bombus vagans and fervidus. **1-gal, $16.**