

LLCT's 2023 Pollinator Plant Sale

Perennial Pollinator Kit

Includes 27 quart-sized plants

9 species are offered, with 3 plants per species

\$155/kit (retails value of \$270)

The kit offers a robust selection of plants that bloom from early to late summer and provide nectar to native bees, butterflies, and other insects. *Sourced from Bagley Pond Perennials. Some plants offered are considered rare in MA. Bagley Pond Perennials grows their plants from seed on their farm and ensures ethical sourcing of their seed.*

All perennials are also available *a la carte* for \$7 each (all quart size).



Allegheny Monkey Flower (*Mimulus ringens*): Perennial herb grows 1-3', moist to wet soil with **full to partial sun**. Asymmetrical, 2-lipped, blue-purple flowers grow from opposite leaves along a square stem. Blooms June-September. Host plant for the Baltimore Checkerspot and the Common Buckeye. Supports *Bombus fervidus* and *vagans*.



Early Goldenrod (*Solidago juncea*): Perennial plant, unbranched and up to 3' tall. **Full to partial sun**, and moderately dry soil. Blooms June-August. Aside from its early bloom, Early Goldenrod can be distinguished from other goldenrods by the near or complete absence of hair on the stems and leaves. Supports many specialized bees. Songbirds enjoy the seeds.



Heart-leaf Golden Alexanders (*Zizia aptera*): Grows 1-3'. **Full sun to partial shade** and moderate to dry soil. Small yellow flowers in flat heads bloom early April-June. Host plant for the Black Swallowtail larvae.



Calico Aster (*Symphyotrichum lateriflorum*): Grows 1-3" tall. **Light shade to partial sun** and medium to moist soil. Stems are light green or reddish brown, and they have lines of white hairs. Blooms August to October, offering white flowers. Supports *Bombus terricola*.



Whorled Milkweed (*Asclepias verticillata*): Single-stemmed, unbranched perennial that grows 1-3' tall with a large tap root. **Sun to partial shade** and dry soil. Greenish-white flowers bloom in mid-summer, later than other milkweed species. Caution: many parts of the plant are toxic to livestock. Larval host for the Monarch butterfly. Supports *Bombus terricola* and vagans.



Purple Joe Pye Weed (*Eutrochium purpureum*): Grows 1-6' tall. Moist soil with **sun, partial sun, or shade**. The large, domed flower head is composed of several branches bearing tiny, pale pinkish-lavender florets. Blooms July-September. Prodigious pollinator attractor. Supports *Bombus terricola* and vagans.



Spotted Crane's Bill (*geranium maculatum*): Showy, pink, five-petaled flowers, occur at the top of leafy, 1-3' stems. **Partial shade to shade**, moist to medium soil. Semi-evergreen perennial. Blooms in early spring through mid-summer. Seeds attract songbirds.



Scarlet Bee Balm (*Monarda didyma*): Grows 2-4' tall, moist soil, **sun to part shade**. Dense, rounded clusters of showy, bright red tubular flowers, leaves have a minty aroma. Blooms July-Oct. Hummingbirds, butterflies and bees are all attracted to the red flowers. Supports *Bombus fervidus* and vagans.



Hairy Beardtongue (*Penstemon hirsutus*): **Sun to part sun**, moist to dry soil. Height of 1-2', spread of 14-18". Flowers are pink to purple and look similar to snapdragon blossoms, bloom June-July. Named for its downy stem. Attracts bumblebees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other pollinators/wildlife. Supports *Bombus fervidus* and vagans.

A La Carte Perennial Offerings



Winged monkey flower (*Mimulus alatus*): 1-3' tall. **Full sun to partial shade**, in moderate to moist soil. Pale blue blooms in June-September, with only a few flowers blooming at one time. Supports *Bombus fervidus* and *vagans*.



Little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*): Ornamental native grass prized for its blue-green leaf color and upright form. Forms very dense mounds 18-24" tall. **Full sun to partial shade** in dry, sandy soil. Blooms June-December. Larval host for many Skippers, including the Dusted and Ottoe.



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



Sweet goldenrod (*Solidago odora*): Grows 2-5' tall, recognizable yellow flower clusters. When leaves are crushed, they emit an anise scent. Blooms July-Oct. Requires **sun** and medium to dry soil conditions. Spreads less aggressively than most goldenrods. Attracts birds and butterflies.



Big bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*): Average to dry soil, **full sun**. Clumping, 4-8' tall bunchgrass. Begins the season with blue-tinged stems that changes to maroonish-brown in the fall. Provides cover and nesting sites for at least 24 species of songbirds and nesting sites or seeds, including Sedge Wrens and various sparrows. In addition, is a larval host for Delaware Skipper and Dusted Skipper.

A La Carte Shrub and Tree Offerings

Shrubs and Trees are offered a la carte. Plant prices and sizes 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. Sourced New England Wetland Plants and Bigelow Nurseries.*



American Holly (*Ilex opaca*): Perennial, evergreen tree, growing 25-60'. Prefers **sun to partial shade** in dry or wet soil. Holly is known for its stiff, spined, green leaves. White and green flowers bloom from March-June. These blooms turn into red berries if there are male and female holly plants in the area. Many kinds of songbirds, gamebirds, and mammals eat the bitter berries of this and other hollies, but the fruits are poisonous to humans. Larval host for Henry's Elfin Butterfly. Supports *Bombus terricola* and *vagans*. **\$22. 1-gallon pot (about 18" tall).**



Fragrant Sumac (*Rhus aromatica*): Spreading deciduous shrub that grows 6-12' tall and 4-6' wide. Will grow in **sun to shade** and dry to moist soils. Drought tolerant. Glossy green leaves turn red, orange, and yellow in the fall. Yellow flowers bloom April-June before turning into red berries. The flowers are a great nectar source for adult butterflies as well as native bees. Larval host for the Red-banded Hairstreak Butterfly. **\$12. 1-gallon pot (about 18" tall).**



Northern Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*): Deciduous shrub growing 6-15' tall. Prefers **partial shade** and dry to wet soil. Dense clusters of tiny, pale yellow flowers bloom March-May. A great native alternative to forsythia. Larval host for Eastern Tiger Swallowtail, Spicebush Swallowtail, and Promethea Silkmoth. **\$12. 1-gallon pot (about 18" tall).**



Sweet Pepperbush (*Clethra alnifolia*): Narrow deciduous shrub growing 3-12' tall. Leafy with spike-like, upright clusters of fragrant white flowers which bloom in July and August. Prefers **partial sun to partial shade** in wet, semi-acidic soil. Flowers are followed by brown seed capsules that persist through winter. Bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds all use the flowers. **\$12. 1-gallon pot (about 18" tall).**



Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*): Perennial, multi-stemmed shrub which grows 6-12'. Prefers **sun** and wet soil. Flowers are small balls of white or pink flowers which resemble pincushions, with

fringe of pistils protruding. Nutlets are rounded masses which persist through winter. Blooms June-Sept, nectar is of value to butterflies and native bees, nuts are eaten by birds, including water fowl. Supports *Bombus terricola* and *vagans*. **\$14. 1-gallon pot (about 3ft tall).**



Virginia Rose (*Rosa virginiana*): Drought tolerant, disease-resistant species. Grows to a height of 2-4' and spreads 3-6'. Can grow in **sun to part shade** and average to dry soil. Blooms and produces pollen and fruit in summer and has beautiful fall foliage. Supports a wide variety of pollinators including butterflies and bumblebees including *Bombus fervidus* and *vagans*. **\$12. 1-gallon pot (about 18" tall).**



American Cranberry (*Vaccinium macrocarpon*): Low-growing, trailing evergreen shrub. Usually grows 1-3' tall and spreads 2'. Prefers **full sun to part sun** and moist soil. Small white flowers in May and June turn into red, edible berries. Berries are enjoyed by birds and small mammals. Supports specialized bees. Supports *Bombus terricola* and *vagans*. **\$18. 1-gallon pot.**