

LLCT's 2024 Pollinator Plant Sale

This year's plant sale offers a selection of native perennials that bloom from early to late summer and provide nectar to native bees, butterflies, and other insects.

New this year! LLCT will not be taking pre-orders. All purchases must be made in-person at the sale, and plants will be available on a first come, first served basis. LLCT will accept cash, check, card, or Venmo at the sale.

May 18th at Lincoln Station, 145 Lincoln Rd, Lincoln MA
10:00-11:00 A.M. Members Only*
11:00-1:00 P.M. General Public

*Current LLCT members are invited to the early bird hour. LLCT members participating in the sale can also choose a free groundcover plant to add to their order, as a gift from us to you. *While supplies last.* All are welcome to join or renew their membership with LLCT when they check out at the sale. LLCT memberships start at \$35/year.

Plants are sourced from [Bagley Pond Perennials](#), a NH based nursery that grows their plants from seed sourced on their farm. All plants are native to the region. Perennials will be available for **\$7** (quart sized plants). These *plants retail for \$10.50 each.* LLCT works hard to ensure our prices are as accessible as possible to our community. Membership contributions to LLCT support the plant sale and our planting efforts on conservation land.

LLCT is pleased to offer a selection of groundcover plants this year that support pollinating insects and other wildlife species. These new offerings are in coordination with the [Lincoln Common Ground \(LCG\) No Mow May](#) effort. LCG volunteers will be at the plant sale to answer questions and make recommendations about using groundcovers as lawn replacements and garden understory plants

Planting Tips

Why plant native? Plants that are native to Massachusetts repopulated the area after the last ice age (between 22,000-14,000 years ago). These plants have had thousands of years to co-evolve and develop relationships with animals. By planting native plants, we support those ecosystem-level relationships and bolster local biodiversity. Not only does this support wildlife, it also improves local resilience to the impacts of climate change.

All plants will be sold individually this year. Volunteers will be at the plant sale to answer questions and assist customers with their selection. Plants will be organized by bloom time and labelled with sun/soil preferences, bloom color, and height. You can choose plants that will thrive best in your site's unique conditions.






In general, LLCT recommends selecting species from each bloom time (early, mid, and late summer) to ensure a garden that offers nectar throughout the growing season. If your garden space and budget allow, LLCT recommends planting at least 3 plants per species you select.

LLCT's Pollinator Action Plan is informed by the research of Dr. Rob Gegear. LLCT continues to recommend [Dr. Gegear's plant list](#) as a resource for pollen and nectar plants that support at-risk long-tongued bees.




LLCT has plenty of Pollinator Pathway Signs, which will be available at the sale.

Photos in this document are from LLCT's archives or Bagley Pond Perennials.





Early Blooms (APR-MAY)

	Species	Plant Description	Sun/Soil Preferences	Height	Pollinators Supported
	Wild Geranium, <i>Geranium maculatum</i>	Small pink flowers on a 1-3ft stem bloom April-July, thrives in most sites. Prefers shade but grows in sun with enough water.	Part Shade, medium soil	Groundcover	Mining bees, sweat bees, carpenter bees, and host plant for the White-marked Tussock Moth and Dusky Azure.
	Foam Flower, <i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>	Low-growing plant with white flowers in April-May. Foliage and flower spikes are attractive all summer and into the fall. Slow to spread.	Part Shade, dry to medium soil	Groundcover	Bees, Butterflies, and Hover/Flower flies
	Woodland Phlox, <i>Phlox divaricata</i>	Fragrant pale blue flowers bloom in April-May. Spreads slowly but steadily in shady areas.	Part Shade, dry to medium soil	Groundcover	Host for the Gray Hairstreak Butterfly and Hummingbird Clearwing Moth
	Wild Ginger, <i>Asarum canadense</i>	Large heart shaped leaves are attractive throughout the season, red flowers bloom in May-June.	Shade, dry to moist soil	Groundcover	Host plant for the Pipevine Swallowtail Butterfly
	Pennsylvania Sedge, <i>Carex pensylvanica</i>	Forms a dense turf lawn, drought tolerant. Blooms April-June.	Sun to Shade, dry, well-drained soil	Groundcover	Host plant for various Satyr Moths



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	Wild Strawberry, <i>Fragaria virginiana</i>	Edible berries and white flowers delight gardeners. Makes a great border. Blooms April-June.	Sun to Part Shade, dry to moist soil	Groundcover	Host plant for the Gray Hairstreak butterfly
	Dwarf Crested Iris, <i>Iris cristata</i>	Perfect for rock or woodland gardens, hardy and spreads over time. Purple blooms in May.	Sun to Shade, moist to medium soil	Groundcover	Supports hummingbirds
	Pussytoes, <i>Antennaria plantaginifolia</i>	Velvety leaves and pale pink/white flowers, spreads via rhizomes. Great for rock gardens or dry areas.	Full to part sun, dry soil	Groundcover	Host plant for the American Painted Lady and Oval Telethusia

Mid-summer Blooms (JUN-JUL)

	Species	Plant Description	Sun/Soil Preferences	Height	Pollinator Supported
	Lowbush Blueberry, <i>Vaccinium Angustifolium</i>	Delicious berries are prized by wildlife and people. Spring flowers and red fall foliage. Produces more fruit in the sun. Blooms May-June. 1-gallon pot, \$27 each (retails for \$33)	Sun to Part Shade, moist to dry soil, acidic and well-drained	Groundcover	Supports <i>Bombus terricola</i> and vagans, host plant for 223 species of butterfly, including Pale Tiger, Huckleberry Sphinx, and Pink-edged Sulphur.
	Foxglove Beardtongue, <i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	White flowers are showy in May-June. Tubular flowers are popular with hummingbirds and long-tongued bees.	Full to Part Sun, Dry to Medium soil	2-3ft	Supports <i>Bombus fervidus</i> , vagans, and <i>terricola</i> .
	Rose Milkweed, <i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Also known as swamp milkweed. Upright stems feature attractive pink flowers. Seedpods add late season interest. Blooms July-August	Full sun to Part Shade, Most soil	3-5ft	Host plant for Monarch Butterflies and Queen Butterflies, also attracts Hawk Moths, Swallowtails, Fritillaries, and Skippers. Supports <i>Bombus terricola</i> and vagans.
	Wild Bergamot, <i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Popular with numerous bees and butterflies. Lavender flowers bloom July-August.	Full to Part Sun, Dry to Moist Soil	3-4ft	Supports <i>Bombus fervidus</i> , vagans, and <i>terricola</i> . Host plant for Orange Mint Moth and Hermit Sphinx Moth.

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	Species	Plant Description	Sun/Soil Preferences	Height	Pollinator Supported
	Scarlet Beebalm, <i>Monarda didyma</i>	Bright red blooms delight in July-August. Like Bergamot, this mint spreads readily and is prized by hummingbirds and butterflies.	Full to Part Sun, medium to moist soil	3-5ft	Supports <i>Bombus fervidus</i> , <i>vagans</i> , and <i>terricola</i> . Host plant for Bedstraw Hawkmoth and Orange Mint Moth.
	Dense Blazing Star, <i>Liatris spicata</i>	Purple flower stalks bloom in July-August. Likes moist meadows but will thrive in most gardens. Visited by butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds.	Full to Part Sun, Medium to Moist soil.	2-4ft	Host plant for Glorious Flower Moth, Blazing Star Borer Moth, and Three-lined Flower Moth.



Late-summer Blooms (Aug-Sept)



Shrubby St. John's Wort,
Hypericum prolificum

This shrub offers lovely yellow flowers in July-September. Easy going and hardy. Important pollen resource.

Full to Part Sun,
Medium Soil

2-4ft

Supports *Bombus terricola* and vagans. Host plant for the Gray Hairstreak Butterfly.



Hollow Joe-Pye Weed,
Eutrochium fistulosum

This plant's hollow stem creates excellent insect habitat. Tolerant of many soil types and visited by bees, butterflies. Pink flowers bloom July-Oct.

Sun to Part Shade, Medium to Wet soil.

4-7ft

Host plant for Clymene Moth, Eupatorium Borer Moth, Ruby Tiger Moth. Supports *Bombus terricola* and vagans.



New England Aster,
Symphyotrichum novae-angliae

Purple blooms with yellow centers delight in August-October. Critical source of nectar in the fall.

Full to Part Sun.
Medium soil.

3-5ft

Host plant for Pearl Crescent.