

# **PLANT LIST**

## BUTTERFLY GARDEN AND MICROSOFT POLLINATOR PATIO

## FLOWERING PLANTS

Below is a comprehensive list of all the flowering plants in the Butterfly Garden and Microsoft Pollinator Patio. When choosing plants to attract pollinators, there are a few best practices to provide for pollinators:

- Include early and late blooming plants so food is available throughout the season.
- Include multiple plants of the same species in an area to create larger "blocks" of color and food that are more attractive to foraging pollinators.
- Pollinators need more from plants than just nectar and pollen. For example, caterpillars eat the leaves of larval host plants and some bees nest within the pithy stems of plants such as raspberries.
- Be wary of ornamental "double" flowered plants that have dense petals; they look pretty but have little pollen or nectar available for pollinators (the pollen-bearing parts have been modified into additional petals).

Explore the Butterfly Garden and Pollinator Patio at Woodland Park Zoo for inspiration and check out our recommended pollinator plant list resources at the end of this document.

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	LOCATION*	<b>BLOOM TIME</b>	POLLINATORS
Abelia grandiflora 'Sherwoodii'	Sherwood Abelia	BG, PP	summer to autumn	bees, butterflies
Acer circinatum**	Vine maple	PP	spring	bees
Achillea millefolium	Yarrow	BG, PP	summer to autumn	bees, butterflies, flies
Agastache spp.	Hyssop	BG, PP	summer to autumn	bees, butterflies, hummingbirds
Ageratum spp.	Floss flower, Ageratum	BG, PP	summer to autumn	butterflies
Alchemilla mollis	Lady's mantle	BG	Summer	Butterflies
Allium spp.	Ornamental onion	PP	spring	bees, butterflies
Alyssum 'White'	Alyssum	BG	spring to summer	butterflies
Arbutus unedo	Strawberry bush	BG	autumn	bees, butterflies, hummingbirds
Aristolochia gigantean	Brazilian Dutchman's pipe	PP	summer	flies
Bidens spp.	Hairy beggartick	BG, PP	spring to autumn	bees, butterflies
Borago officinalis	Borage	PP	summer	N/A
Brachyscome 'Metalic Blue'	Cut-leaved daisy	BG, PP	spring to autumn	bees, butterflies
Buddleia spp.	Seedless butterfly bush <sup>†</sup>	BG	summer to autumn	butterflies

<sup>†</sup> In some areas of the country, butterfly bushes have escaped gardens and are an invasive species affecting natural areas. It is highly recommend to seek out seedless varieties of butterfly bush that will not pose a threat to native plants.

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Calycanthus floridus	Carolina allspice	PP	spring to summer	beetles
Camassia quamash**	Camas	PP	spring	bees
Caryopteris 'Longwood Blue'	Bluebeard	PP	summer	bees
Ceanothus 'Blue Jeans'	California lilac	PP	spring	bees, butterflies, hummingbirds
Centranthus ruber	Jupiter's beard	PP	summer	bees, butterflies
Cleome spp.	Spider plant, spiderflower	BG, PP	spring to summer	bees, butterflies
Clethra alternifolia	Summersweet	BG	summer	butterflies
Cosmos 'Sensation Mix'	Cosmos	BG, PP	summer to autumn	bees, butterflies
Cynara cardunculus	Artichoke, cardoon	PP	summer	bees, butterflies
Echinacea purpurea 'Magnus'	Purple coneflower	BG, PP	summer	bees, butterflies
Echinops ritro	Southern globethistle	PP	summer to autumn	bees, butterflies
Erigeron 'Profusion'	Fleabane	BG	spring to summer	butterflies
Eryngium 'Big Blue'	Sea holly	BG, PP	summer	bees, butterflies
Gaillardia aristata	Blanket flower	PP	spring to autumn	bees, butterflies
Gaultheria shallon**	Salal	PP	spring, summer	bees
Gaura spp.	Gaura	BG, PP	summer to autumn	bees, butterflies
Helianthus 'Lemon Queen'	Lemon Queen sunflower	PP	summer	bees, butterflies
Heliotropium 'Fragrant Delight'	Heliotrope	BG, PP	summer	bees, butterflies
Helleborus spp.	Hellebore	BG	spring	butterflies
Heuchera 'Raspberry Ice'	Coral bells	BG	summer	butterflies
Impatiens 'Voodoo Mix'	Impatiens	PP	summer	bees
Jasminum officinale 'Fiona Sunrise'	Fiona Sunrise jasmine	PP	summer	bees, butterflies, hummingbirds
Lantana 'Cherry Sunrise'	Lantana	BG, PP	summer to autumn	bees, butterflies
Lavendula 'Violet Intrigue'	Lavender	PP	summer	bees, butterflies
Leucanthemum x superbum	Shasta daisy	BG	summer to autumn	bees, butterflies
Lobelia 'Riveria Rose'	Lobelia	BG, PP	summer to autumn	bees, butterflies, hummingbirds
Lobularia maritima	Sweet alyssum	PP	spring to summer	bees, butterflies, flies
Lonicera henryi	Honeysuckle	BG	summer to autumn	bees, butterflies, hummingbirds
Lonicera involucrate**	Twinberry honeysuckle	PP	summer	bees, butterflies, hummingbirds
Lonicera nitida	Boxleaf honeysuckle	PP	spring, summer	bees
Malus pumila	Apple tree	PP	spring	bees
Mahonia aquifolium**	Tall Oregon grape	PP	spring	bees, hummingbirds
Mahonia nervosa**	Cascade Oregon grape	PP	spring	bees, hummingbirds

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Monarda 'Gardenview Scarlet'	Bee balm	BG	summer	hummingbirds
Myrica californica**	California wax myrtle	BG	spring	N/A
Nicotiana sylvestris	Tobacco	PP	summer to autumn	butterflies, moths, hummingbirds
Pentas lanceolata 'New Look Mix'	Egyptian star cluster	BG	summer	bees, butterflies, flies
Phaseolus coccineus	Scarlet runner bean, snap bean	PP	summer to autumn	bees, butterflies, hummingbirds
Phlox 'Raving Beauty'	Phlox	BG	spring	butterflies, hummingbirds
Primula florindae	Primrose, Tibetan cowslip	BG	spring	bees
Rhododendron 'Queen Emma'	Queen Emma azalea, Rhododendron	BG	spring	bees, butterflies, hummingbirds
Rhus typhina	Staghorn sumac	BG	summer	butterflies
Ribes sanguinium	Flowering currant	PP	spring	Bees, hummingbirds
Rosa nutkana**	Nootka rose	PP	spring to summer	bees, butterflies
Rosmarinus officinalis	Rosemary	PP	summer	bees, butterflies
Rubus idaeus 'Heritage'	Heritage raspberry	PP	summer to autumn	bees, butterflies
Rudbeckia 'Goldsturm'	Black-eyed Susan	BG, PP	summer to autumn	bees, butterflies
Sambucus racimosa	Elderberry	PP	spring, summer	bees, butterflies
Scabiosa 'Ritz Blue'	Pincushion flower	BG, PP	spring to early winter	bees, butterflies
Sedum 'Autumn Joy'	Stonecrop	PP	summer, autumn	bees
Solidago rugosa 'Fireworks'	Goldenrod	BG, PP	autumn	bees, butterflies
Styrax japonicus	Japanese snowbell	BG	spring to summer	bees, hummingbirds
Symphoricarpos albus**	Snowberry	PP	summer	bees, hummingbirds
Syringa vulgaris	Lilac	PP	spring	Bees, butterflies
Tithonia rotundifolia	Mexican sunflower	BG, PP	summer to autumn	bees, butterflies, hummingbirds
Trifolium incarnatum	Crimson clover	PP	spring to summer	bees
Vaccinium ovatum**	Evergreen huckleberry	BG	spring	butterflies
Vaccinium spp.	Blueberry	PP	spring	bees, butterflies
Verbena 'Homested Purple'	Trailing verbena	BG, PP	spring to autumn	bees, butterflies
Viburnum bodnantense	Winter viburnum	PP	winter	bees
Zinnia 'Profusion Orange'	Zinnia	PP	summer to autumn	bees, butterflies, hummingbirds

## **OTHER PLANTS**

These plants in the Butterfly Garden and Pollinator Patio do not attract animal pollinators (they are wind or self-pollinated), but they can still be a wonderful addition to any garden.

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	LOCATION*
Abies koreana	Korean fir	BG

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Anemanthele lessoniana	Pheasant tail grass	BG	
Cercidiphyllum japonicum	Katsura	PP	
Festuca idahoensis	Idaho fescue	BG	
Polystichum munitum**	Sword fern	BG	
Schizachyrium scoparium	Little bluestem	BG	
Stipa gigantea	Giant feather grass	BG	
Thuja plicata 'Excelsa'**	Excelsa red cedar	BG	

## POLLINATOR PLANT LISTS RESOURCES

Pollinator Partnership and the North American Pollinator Protection Champaign [NAPPC] published a series of free regional guides for ecological regions all across the United States and Canada. Go to <a href="http://www.pollinator.org/guides.htm">http://www.pollinator.org/guides.htm</a> and type in your US zip code to find the guide for your region. The region that includes Woodland Park Zoo is available in the PACIFIC LOWLAND, MIXED FOREST PROVINCE guide (Pollinator Partnership and NAPPC, n.d.).

The Xerces Society has free pollinator-friendly plant lists for various regions across the United States available at <a href="http://xerces.org/pollinator-conservation/plant-lists/">http://xerces.org/pollinator-conservation/plant-lists/</a>. These guides concentrate on native plants and wildflowers from each region. The **Maritime Northwest** guide includes the Woodland Park Zoo and Puget Sound region (The Xerces Society, 2015).

The **Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center** website contains plant profiles on hundreds of U.S. native plants and wildflowers. Many plant profiles have information provided by The Xerces Society on whether the plant has a special value to native bees (including bumble bees), honey bees, butterflies and/or moth caterpillars (if it's a larval host plant). Lists of these plants can be accessed at <a href="http://www.wildflower.org/collections/">http://www.wildflower.org/collections/</a> under the "Value to Beneficial Insects" section (TWC Staff, 2017).

The Xerces Society also has a book, **ATTRACTING NATIVE POLLINATORS**, which contains regional plant lists for native pollinator gardens. Plants suitable for Woodland Park Zoo and the surrounding region are included in the *Pacific Northwest and British Columbia* list as well as the *Lower-cost Ornamentals for Many Regions* list (The Xerces Society, 2011).

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