

For a bed approximately 10 feet deep by 15 feet wide

This is a customizable garden plan perfect for attracting butterflies and bees. For help adapting this plan to your specific site, feel free to contact us! See our website for this and other eco-friendly gardening tools.

Our first row comprises short native grasses, such as little bluestem, Purple Love Grass, or Prairie Dropseed, all the same variety, or any combination.

The second row is for threadleaf coreopsis (*Coreopsis verticillata*) or threadleaf mountain mint (*Pycnanthemum tenuifolium*) (blue ovals), and three of the smaller goldenrod species, such as *Solidago odora*, or *S. nemorosa* (Yellow circles).

The third row represents "Raydon's Favorite" Aromatic Aster.

Behind the Asters you may plant swamp milkweed, anise hyssop, echinacea spp., Baptisia, Claire grace type wild bergamot, all one variety or in any combination.

The back row is for any combination of the native perennial sunflowers (*Helianthus*), Joe Pye, or rosin weed, or perhaps a tall native grass such as switchgrass.

These are all native plants, and all are perennials. They will take a year to really fill in. The garden should not look full at planting. You may choose to fill in the spaces between plants with pollinator friendly and easy to grow annuals such as zinnias, cosmos, and, toward the back, sunflowers.

You are free to reproduce this plan if you include our contact information. Thank you and happy gardening!

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