

# Top 25 Native Pollinator Plants for North Carolina

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## Spring Blooming:

- Wild indigo (*Baptisia* spp.)
- Downy wood mint (*Blephilia ciliata*)
- Bluestar (*Amsonia tabernaemontana*)
- Purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*) - late spring-summer
- Stoke’s aster (*Stokesia laevis* ‘Peachie’s Pick’) - late spring-summer
- Lanceleaf blanketflower (*Gaillardia aestivalis*) – spring-fall
- Bee balm (*Monarda* spp.) - late spring-summer
- Foxglove beardtongue (*Penstemon digitalis*) – spring-summer
- Golden Alexander (*Zizia aurea*)
- New Jersey tea (*Ceanothus americanus*)

## Summer Blooming:

- Milkweeds (*Asclepias tuberosa*, *A. incarnata*, and other species)
- St. John’s wort (*Hypericum frondosum*)
- Great blue lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*)
- Blazing star (*Liatris* spp.)
- Rattlesnake master (*Eryngium yuccifolium*)
- Mountain mint (*Pycnanthemum* spp.)
- Buttonbush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)

- Culver’s root (*Veronicastrum virginicum*)
- Joe-pye weed (*Eutrochium dubium*)

## Fall Blooming:

- Spotted horsemint (*Monarda punctata*)
- Asters (*Symphyotricum* spp.)
- Climbing aster (*Ampelaster carolinianus*)
- Boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*)
- Goldenrod (*Solidago* spp.)
- New York ironweed (*Vernonia noveboracensis*)

## Websites & Social Media:

- Pollinator Paradise Garden: [go.ncsu.edu/pollinator-garden](http://go.ncsu.edu/pollinator-garden)
- Growing Small Farms Website: [growingsmallfarms.ces.ncsu.edu](http://growingsmallfarms.ces.ncsu.edu)
- Pollinator Garden Photo Albums on Facebook: [facebook.com/debbie.roos.nc](https://facebook.com/debbie.roos.nc)
- Twitter: @GrowSmallFarms
- Instagram: Debbie.Roos

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## NATIVE PLANT GROWERS & SEED SUPPLIERS:

### **Dirt Bag Gardens**

Chapel Hill, NC; 919-869-4152  
<http://www.dirtbaggardens.com>  
*native perennials*

### **Dutch Buffalo Farm**

Pittsboro, NC; 919-428-6768  
<https://www.dutchbuffalofarm.com>  
*native plants for ecological landscaping*

### **Growing Wild Nursery**

Siler City, NC; 919-200-2677  
<http://www.growingwildnursery.com>  
*on-line nursery selling native perennials*

### **Mellow Marsh Farm**

Siler City, NC; 919-742-1200  
<http://www.mellowmarshfarm.com>  
*container grown native plants and pollinator seed mix; wholesale, retail by appointment only*

### **North Carolina Botanical Garden**

Chapel Hill, NC; 919-962-0522  
<http://ncbg.unc.edu>  
*native perennials, trees, shrubs, vines, and grasses*

### **Rachel's Native Plants**

Pittsboro, NC; 919-885-8642  
<https://rachelsnativeplants.com>  
*native perennials, trees, shrubs, vines, and grasses*

## SEED SUPPLIERS:

### **Applewood Seed Co.**

303-431-7333; Arvada, CO  
<http://www.applewoodseed.com>

### **Ernst Conservation Seeds**

Meadville, PA; 800-873-3321  
<http://www.ernstseed.com>

### **Garrett Wildflower Seed Farm**

Smithfield, NC; 919-989-3031  
<https://garrettseed.com/>

### **Roundstone Native Seed**

Upton, KY; 270-531-2353  
<http://roundstoneseed.com>

The **North Carolina Native Plant Society** has a listing of native plant nurseries on their website: <https://ncwildflower.org/native-plant-nurseries/>