



POWELL
GARDENS

KANSAS CITY'S
BOTANICAL GARDEN

INSECTARIES GARDEN PLANTS

Great Plants for Pollinators and Beneficial Insects

Missouri or Kansas Natives* (bloom time in parenthesis)

Shade Trees

- American Linden or Basswood* *Tilia americana* (late spring /early summer)
- Lindens *Tilia* spp. (late spring / early summer)
- Black Tupelo or Blackgum* *Nyssa sylvatica* (spring)
- Water Tupelo* *Nyssa aquatica* (spring)
- Black Locusts *Robinia* spp. (spring) *Robinia pseudoacacia* is native to MO

Evergreen Tree

- American Holly* *Ilex opaca* (spring)

Small Trees / Large Shrubs

- Hardy Mimosa *Albizia julibrissin* var. *rosea* (midsummer)
- Buttonbush* *Cephalanthus occidentalis* (midsummer)
- Eastern Redbud* *Cercis canadensis* (spring)
- Winter Honeysuckle *Lonicera fragrantissima* (late winter to spring)
- Seven Son *Heptacodium miconioides* (late summer-fall)
- Apples and Crabapples *Malus* spp. (spring)
- Wild Plums* *Prunus* spp. (early spring)
- Peach *Prunus persica* (early spring)
- Hoptree* *Ptelea trifoliata* (spring)
- Sumacs* *Rhus* spp. Fragrant sumac (spring) others early summer

Evergreen Shrubs

- Abelias *Abelia* spp. (summer-fall)
- Boxwoods *Buxus* spp. (early spring)

Vines

- Wild* or Domestic Grapes *Vitis* spp. (spring to midsummer)
- Kentucky Wisteria* *Wisteria macrostachys* (spring to summer)

Deciduous Shrubs

- Butterfly Bushes *Buddleia* spp. (summer-fall) *Buddleia alternifolia* (spring)
- New Jersey Tea* *Ceanothus americanus* (midsummer)
- Summersweet Clethra *Clethra alnifolia* (mid to late summer)
- Hydrangeas (lacecaps only! Not mopheads or snowballs) *Hydrangea* spp. (early summer to fall) Wild Hydrangea* *Hydrangea arborescens*; Panicle Hydrangea *Hydrangea paniculata* attracts hordes of diverse pollinators but must be fertile varieties.
- Hypericums / St. Johnsworts *Hypericum* spp. (summer) some native species
- Mock Orange *Philadelphus* spp. (late spring) single flowering only
- Lilacs *Syringa* spp. (spring) single flowering only

Perennials

- Anise Hyssop *Agastache foeniculum* (summer to fall)
- Chives *Allium schoenoprasum* (late spring)
- Garlic Chives *Allium tuberosum* (late summer)
- Milkweeds* *Asclepias* spp. (early summer to midsummer)
- Asters* *Aster* spp. (late summer and fall)
- Single Chrysanthemums *Chrysanthemum* spp. (fall)
- Pale Purple Coneflower* *Echinacea pallida* (early summer)
- Purple Coneflowers* *Echinacea purpurea* (wild strain best) (summer)
- Robin's Plantain* *Erigeron pulchellus* (late spring)
- Mistflower* *Eupatorium coelestinum* (late summer to fall)
- Joe Pye-weed* *Eupatorium purpureum* (late summer)
- Fennel *Foeniculum vulgare* (summer)
- Blazing Stars* *Liatris* spp. (midsummer to fall)
- Garden Phlox* *Phlox paniculata* (wild strain best!) (midsummer)
- Mountain Mints* *Pycnanthemum* spp. (summer)
- Winter Savory *Satureja montana* (summer)
- Rosinweed* *Silphium integrifolium* (summer)
- Cup Plant* *Silphium perfoliatum* (late summer)
- Stiff Goldenrod* *Solidago rigida* (late summer)
- Showy Goldenrod* *Solidago speciosa* (fall)
- Rose Verbena* *Verbena canadensis* (spring to fall)
- Ironweed* *Vernonia* spp. (late summer)
- Thymes *Thymus* spp. (summer)

Annuals / biennials

- Dill *Anethum graveolens*
- Native Thistles* *Cirsium* spp. (the native species are not the weeds!) biennial
- Tropical Milkweed *Asclepias curasavica*
- Partridge Pea* *Cassia fasciculate*
- Vinca *Cataranthus roseus*
- Sulphur Cosmos *Cosmos sulphureus*
- Globe Amaranth *Gomphrena globose*
- Lantana *Lantana camara*
- Pentas *Pentas lanceolate*
- Black-eyed-Susans* *Rudbeckia hirta* (often biennial)
- Single Marigolds *Tagetes* spp.
- Mexican Sunflower *Tithonia rotundifolia*
- *Verbena bonariensis*
- Pansies and Violas *Viola* spp. (spring or fall & mild winters)
- Single Zinnias *Zinnia* spp.