

Monarchs Across Georgia Pollinator Habitat Plant List by Bloom Season

This list is extensive but certainly not complete. **Although not included in this list, native milkweeds, *Asclepias* spp., are a critical component of the habitat.** Appropriate milkweed choices can be found in [Monarch Butterflies & Georgia's Gardeners](#) brochure. Plants that support the life cycle of Lepidoptera (butterflies and moths) are indicated with an (H) for "Host Plant." Those that support a large number of Lepidoptera will show (H+). Plants with special benefits to native bees will be denoted with (B).

SPRING FLOWERING (MARCH/APRIL/MAY)

Herbaceous Perennials

- *Aquilegia canadensis* - Wild Columbine (H)
- *Aristolochia tomentosa* - Woolly Pipevine, Dutchman's Pipe (H)
- *Baptisia australis* - False Blue Indigo (H)
- *Bignonia capreolata* - Crossvine
- *Chrysogonum virginianum* - Green and Gold
- *Coreopsis auriculata* 'Nana' - Dwarf tickseed
- *Coreopsis verticillata* - Threadleaf Tickseed
- *Dicentra cucullaria* - Dutchman's Breeches
- *Gelsemium sempervirens* - Carolina Jessamine
- *Geranium maculatum* - Wild Geranium (H)
- *Hepatica nobilis* - Round-lobed Hepatica
- *Heuchera americana* - Coral Bells, Alumroot
- *Lonicera sempervirens* - Coral Honeysuckle (H) (Common cultivar 'Major Wheeler')
- *Maianthemum racemosum* - Solomon's Plume
- *Packera aurea* - Golden Ragwort (H)
- *Packera obovata* - Round-leaved ragwort (H)
- *Polygonatum biflorum* - Solomon's Seal
- *Penstemon* spp. - Penstemon, Beard's Tongue (H)
- *Phlox subulata* - Moss Phlox
- *Phlox stolonifera* - Creeping Phlox
- *Phlox divaricata* - Wild Blue Phlox
- *Polemonium reptans* - Jacob's Ladder
- *Sanguinaria canadensis* - Bloodroot
- *Spigelia marilandica* - Indian Pink
- *Thalictrum thalictroides* - Rue Anemone
- *Tiarella cordifolia* - Foamflower
- *Uvularia perfoliata* - Bellwort
- *Viola* spp. - Violets (H)
- *Xanthorhiza simplicissima* - Yellowroot
- *Zizia aurea* - Golden Alexander (H)

Trees and Shrubs

- *Acer leucoderme* - Chalk Maple (H+)
- *Acer rubrus* - Red Maple (H+)
- *Acer saccharum* var. *floridanum*, *A. barbatum* - Southern Sugar Maple (H+)
- *Acer* spp. - Other native Maples and Boxelders (H+)
- *Aesculus pavia* - Red Buckeye (H)
- *Aesculus glabra* - Ohio Buckeye (H)
- *Aesculus sylvatica* - Painted Buckeye, Dwarf Buckeye (H)
- *Amelanchier arborea* - Common Serviceberry (H)

- *Amelanchier canadensis* - Shadblow Serviceberry (H)
- *Aronia arbutifolia*, *A. melanocarpa* - Red / Black Chokeberry (H)
- *Asimina parviflora*, *A. triloba* - Dwarf Pawpaw, Pawpaw (H)
- *Calycanthus floridus* - Carolina Sweetshrub, Allspice (H)
- *Carpinus caroliniana* - Musclewood, Ironwood, Hornbeam
- *Cercis canadensis* - Eastern Redbud (H)
- *Cornus florida*, *C. alternifolia* - Native Dogwoods (H)
- *Cotinus obovatus* - American Smoketree
- *Chionanthus virginicus* - Fringetree, Grancy Graybeard (H)
- *Diospyros virginiana* - American Persimmon (H)
- *Fothergilla major*, *F. gardenii* - Witchalder, Dwarf Witchalder
- *Halesia carolina* - Carolina Silverbell (H)
- *Ilex spp.* - Native Hollies, e.g. American, Yaupon, Dahoon, Myrtle, Possumhaw, Inkberry, Winterberry (H)
- *Itea virginica* - Virginia Sweetspire
- *Lindera benzoin* - Spicebush (H)
- *Liriodendron tulipifera* - Tulip Poplar (H)
- *Malus angustifolia* - Southern Crabapple (H+)
- *Myrica cerifera* - Bayberry, Southern Wax Myrtle (H)
- *Nyssa sylvatica* - Blackgum, Tupelo (H)
- *Prunus serotina* - Black Cherry (H+)
- *Prunus angustifolia* - Chickasaw Plum (H+)
- *Prunus spp.* - Pin Cherry, Chokecherry, Laurelcherry (H+)
- *Rhododendron prinophyllum* - Early Azalea, Roseshell Azalea (B)
- *Rhododendron catawbiense* - Catawba Rosebay, Catawba Rhododendron, Mountain Rosebay (B)
- *Sambucus canadensis* - American Elderberry (H)
- *Salix nigra* - Black Willow (H+)
- *Sassafras albidum* - Sassafras (H)
- *Styrax americanus* - American Snowbell (H)
- *Tilia americana* - Basswood (H)
- *Vaccinium arboreum* - Sparkleberry (H+, B)
- *Vaccinium corymbosum* - Highbush Blueberry (B)
- *Vaccinium darrowii* - Darrow's Blueberry (B)
- *Vaccinium elliotii* - Elliott's Blueberry (B)
- *Viburnum acerifolium* - Mapleleaf Viburnum (H)
- *Viburnum dentatum* - Southern Arrowwood (H)
- *Viburnum recognitum* - Northern Arrowwood (H)
- *Viburnum rufidulum* - Rusty Blackhaw (H)
- *Zanthoxylum clava-herculis* - Hercules-club, pepperwood, southern prickly ash, Toothache Tree (H)

SUMMER FLOWERING (JUNE/JULY/AUGUST)

Herbaceous Perennials

- *Agastache foeniculum* - Anise Hyssop (n)
- *Agastache scrophulariifolia* - Purple Giant Hyssop (n)
- *Actaea racemosa* - Black Cohosh (H)
- *Chelone glabra* - White Turtlehead (H)
- *Clematis virginiana* - Virgin's Bower (H)
- *Coreopsis spp.* - Native Coreopsis species
- *Echinacea purpurea* - Purple Coneflower (H)
- *Eupatorium perfoliatum* - Common Boneset (H+)
- *Eutrochium fistulosum* - Joe Pye Weed (H+)

- *Eutrochium maculatum* - Spotted Joe Pye Weed (H+)
- *Helianthus annuus* - Common Sunflower (H)
- *Helianthus divaricatus* - Woodland Sunflower (H)
- *Hyptis alata* - Clustered Bushmint
- *Liatris aspera* - Rough Blazingstar (H)
- *Liatris spicata* - Dense Blazing Star (H)
- *Lobelia cardinalis* - Cardinal Flower (H)
- *Lobelia siphilitica* - Great Blue Lobelia (H)
- *Monarda didyma* - Scarlet Bee Balm, Red Bergamot (H)
- *Monarda fistulosa* - Wild Bergamot (H)
- *Monarda punctata* - Spotted Bee Balm (H)
- *Pycnanthemum muticum* - Clustered Mountainmint (H)
- *Pycnanthemum pycnanthemoides* - Southern mountainmint (H)
- *Pycnanthemum spp.* - Other Native Mountainmints (H)
- *Ratibida pinnata* - Prairie Coneflower (H)
- *Rudbeckia fulgida* - Black-eyed Susan (H)
- *Rudbeckia hirta* - Brown-eyed Susan (H) (a)
- *Rudbeckia lanciniata* - Cutleaf Coneflower (H)
- *Salvia azurea* - Azure Sage (H)
- *Salvia coccinea* - Scarlet Sage (H)
- *Scutellaria elliptica* - Hairy Skullcap (H)
- *Silphium asteriscus* - Starry Rosinweed
- *Verbena canadensis* - Rose Verbena/Vervain (Common cultivar 'Homestead Purple')
- *Vernonia angustifolia* - Tall Ironweed

Non-native, Non-invasive Nectar Sources

- *Tithonia* - Mexican sunflower
- *Zinnia spp.* - Garden Zinnias

*Note: Lantana and *Buddleia* (Butterfly Bush) are considered invasive in Georgia.

Trees and Shrubs

- *Aralia spinosa* - Devil's Walking Stick
- *Aesculus parviflora* - Bottlebrush Buckeye (H)
- *Callicarpa americana* - American Beautyberry (H)
- *Ceanothus americanus* - New Jersey Tea (H)
- *Cephalanthus occidentalis* - Buttonbush (H)
- *Clethra alnifolia* - Summersweet, Sweet Pepperbush
- *Hibiscus coccinea* - Scarlet Rosemallow, Texas Star
- *Hibiscus* - *H. grandiflorus*, *H. laevis*, *H. laiocarpos*, and *H. moscheutos*
- *Hydrangea quercifolia* - Oakleaf Hydrangea
- *Hydrangea arborescens* - Smooth Hydrangea (Common cultivar 'Annabelle')
- *Hypericum frondosum* - Golden St. John's Wort (H)
- *Hypericum prolificum* - Shrubby St. John's Wort (H)
- *Oxydendrum arboreum* - Sourwood
- *Rhododendron arborescens* - Sweet Azalea, Smooth Azalea (B)
- *Rhododendron calendulaceum* - Flame Azalea (B)
- *Rhododendron maximum* - Wild Rhododendron, Rosebay Rhododendron, Great Laurel (B)
- *Rhododendron prunifolium* - Plumleaf Azalea (B)
- *Rhododendron viscosum* - Swamp Azalea (B)
- *Rhus copallinum*, *R. glabra*, *R. typhina* - Native Sumacs (H)
- *Symphoricarpos orbiculatus* - Coralberry (H)

FALL FLOWERING (SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER/NOVEMBER)

Herbaceous Perennials

- *Ampelaster Carolinianus* - Climbing Aster
- *Conoclinium coelestinum* - Blue Mistflower
- *Eupatorium serotinum* - Late Boneset
- *Eupatorium hyssopifolium* - Hyssop-Leaf Boneset
- *Eurybia* spp. – Wood asters
- *Helianthus angustifolius* - Swamp Sunflower
- *Lobelia puberula* - Downy Lobelia
- *Solidago* spp. Goldenrods (H+)
- *Symphyotrichum concolor* - Eastern Silver Aster
- *Symphyotrichum cordifolium* - Common Blue Wood Aster (B)
- *Symphyotrichum georgianum* - Georgia Aster
- *Symphyotrichum novae-angliae* - New England Aster (H)
- *Symphyotrichum lateriflorum* - Calico Aster (B)
- *Symphyotrichum laeve* - Smooth Blue Aster (B)
- *Symphyotrichum patens* - Late Purple Aster
- *Symphyotrichum pilosum* - Hairy White Oldfield Aster
- *Vernonia gigantea* - Ironweed (B)
- *Vernonia noveboracensis* - New York Ironweed (B)

Trees and Shrubs

- *Hamamelis virginiana* - American Witchhazel (H+)

GRASSES & SEDGES Grasses and sedges are also important for forage and shelter.

- *Andropogon virginicus* - Broom Sedge (H+, B)
- *Andropogon gerardii* - Big Bluestem (H+, B)
- *Andropogon glomeratus* - Bushy Bluestem (H+, B)
- *Andropogon ternarius* - Splitbeard Bluestem (B)
- *Bouteloua curtipendula* - Side oats grass (H+)
- *Carex cherokeensis* - Cherokee Sedge
- *Carex lurida* - Sallow Sedge
- *Carex pennsylvanica* - Pennsylvania Sedge (B)
- *Carex texensis* - Texas Sedge
- *Chasmanthium latifolium* - North American wild oats (H+, B)
- *Eragrostis spectabilis* - Purple Lovegrass
- *Festuca rubra* - Creeping Red Fescue (B)
- *Juncus effuses* - Common rush (B)
- *Muhlenbergia capillaris* - Hairawn muhly grass (B)
- *Panicum virgatum* - Switchgrass
- *Schizachryium scoparium* - Little Bluestem (H+, B)
- *Sorghastrum elliotii* - Slender Indian-grass
- *Sorghastrum nutans* - Indian grass- (H, B)