POLLINATOR GARDEN
A pollinator garden is a cultivated landscape with plants that attract and provide food for pollinators such as butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds. University of Illinois Extension estimates that one of every four mouthfuls of food and drink are due to pollinators, so it is in our best interest to support them.

This guide features a planting plan that creates year-round interest for people and extends the foraging season for pollinators. Another benefit is that the native plant’s long root system improves the soil’s ability to absorb water. Please note that while only native plants are used in this example, non-natives can also benefit pollinators. For more information, visit the University of Illinois Extension Horticulture website: http://web.extension.illinois.edu/state/horticulture.

ADDITIONAL PLANTING OPTIONS

The planting plan is designed so that you can have a pollinator garden tailored to your property’s needs. Also, keep in mind that you don’t have to install all the plants right away. You can phase them in.

Before you plant, check local municipal or homeowner’s association ordinances to ensure your design is in compliance.

If you have more space, you can take the basic planting plan and repeat it, as such.

If you have less space, below are groupings that are suitable for a small bed.

WHERE TO FIND PLANTS AND MORE INFORMATION
Grand Prairie Friends provided the plant list. See their website for availability. The Illinois Native Plant Society webpage lists other sources of plants: https://illinoisplants.org. For more information about plants, see the University of Illinois Extension Horticulture website: https://extension.illinois.edu/global/horticulture

PUT YOUR NATIVE PLANT GARDEN ON THE MAP
You can be part of a network of native plantings by registering your Illinois native plant garden or rain garden. This helps build community and encourage native plant use.

Add your native plant garden to the map: http://go.illinois.edu/GardenMap

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Prairie Dropseed (8)

SEMI-DROUGHT TOLERANT
ATTRACTS HUMMINGBIRDS

PLANTING PLAN FOR A 6’ x 25’ BED

GROUND COVER: Prairie Dropseed (8)

SEASONAL: Foxglove Beardtongue (2), Purple Prairie Clover (3), Orange Butterflyweed (3), Common Mountain Mint (3), Smooth Blue Aster (3)

STRUCTURAL: Pale Purple Coneflower (5), Yellow Coneflower (3), Wild Bergamot (3), Rough Blazing Star (5), Little Bluets (3)

See the Red Oak Rain Garden Brochure for information related to the Groundcover, Seasonal, and Structural categories.

FOXGLOVE BEARDTONGUE
Penstemon digitalis

PURPLE PRAIRIE CLOVER
Dalea purpurea

PALE PURPLE CONEFLOWER
Echinacea pallida

ROUGH BLAZING STAR
Liatris aspera

SMOOTH BLUE ASTER
Symphyotrichum laeve

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SPRING

SUMMER

ATTRACTS CATERPILLARS

ATTRACTS MONARCH BUTTERFLIES

AUTUMN

ATTRACTS HUMMINGBIRDS

WINTER

ATTRACTS BIRDS

NOT DROUGHT TOLERANT

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ATTRACTS MONARCH BUTTERFLIES

NOT DROUGHT TOLERANT

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