

Take the Pittsford Pollinator Pathway Challenge!



We've launched a new program as of September 20, 2023 that will beautify your yard while you help our local pollinators – the Pittsford Pollinator Pathway Challenge! In collaboration with Color Pittsford Green, the Town of Pittsford has gathered habitat tips and a list of trees, shrubs and perennial plants that can help you establish part of a pollinator pathway in your own yard. Pollinator pathways provide corridors of critical healthy habitat and food sources for butterflies, moths, bees and other pollinating insects and wildlife.

It's easy to participate:

- Fill out the attached tree, shrub and plant list submission form
- Tell us which newly planted and existing native plants, shrubs and trees you have from our list (at least 10 total needed)
- Provide water and shelter for pollinators
- Avoid all pesticides use
- Submit your completed form at the **Spiegel Pittsford Community Center** front desk, 35 Lincoln Avenue; see [facility hours here](#)
- Pick up your Pittsford Pollinator Pathway sign when you drop off your form
- Display your sign in your yard!

Helping pollinators is not only good for our environment – it helps birds too. The native trees and shrubs on our list are hosts for caterpillars, a critical food source for nearly all baby birds. No caterpillars, no baby birds!

We'll be updating habitat tips and garden ideas seasonally on our website at

www.townofpittsford.org/pollinator-pathway.

Check back often for more information!

Pittsford Pollinator Pathway Challenge

List courtesy of Cornell Cooperative Extension

Name _____ Address _____

More info at www.townofpittsford.org/pollinator-pathway



STEP 1

TREES (“H” beside a plant indicates it is also a host plant for butterfly or moth larva)

# Botanical Name	Common Name	# Botanical Name	Common Name
___ Acer rubrum	Red Maple (H)	___ Ostrya virginica	American Hophornbeam (H)
___ Acer saccharum	Sugar Maple (H)	___ Platanus occidentalis	Eastern Sycamore (H)
___ Amelanchier spp.	Serviceberry (H)	___ Prunus serotina	Black Cherry (H)
___ Betula nigra	River Birch (H)	___ Prunus virginiana	Chokecherry (H)
___ Carya ovata	Shag-bark Hickory (H)	___ Quercus spp.	Pin, White & Red Oak (H)
___ Cornus florida	Flowering Dogwood (H)	___ Salix nigra, S. discolor	Black & Pussy Willow (H)
___ Liriodendron tulipifera	Tulip Poplar (H)	___ Sassafras albidum	Sassafras (H)
___ Nyssa sylvatica	Black Gum (H)	___ Tilia americana	Basswood (H)
___ Other native trees (please specify): _____			

SHRUBS (“H” beside a plant indicates it is also a host plant for butterfly or moth larva)

# Botanical Name	Common Name	# Botanical Name	Common Name
___ Arctostaphylos uva-ursi	Bearberry	___ Ilex verticillata	Winterberry Holly
___ Aronia melanocarpa	Black Chokeberry (H)	___ Lindera benzoin	Spicebush (H)
___ Ceanothus americana	Sweet Shrub (H)	___ Kalmia latifolia	Mountain Laurel (H)
___ Cephalanthus occidentalis	Buttonbush	___ Physocarpus opulifolius	Ninebark (H)
___ Clethra alnifolia	Summersweet (H)	___ Rhus spp.	Sumac (H)
___ Cornus alternifolia	Pagoda Dogwood (H)	___ Rosa palustris	Swamp Rose (H)
___ Cornus amomum	Silky Dogwood (H)	___ Rosa carolina	Carolina Rose (H)
___ Cornus racemosa	Gray Dogwood (H)	___ Viburnum acerfolium	Mapleleaf Viburnum (H)
___ Cornus sericea	Red Twig Dogwood (H)	___ Viburnum dentatum	Arrowwood Viburnum (H)
___ Hamamelis virginiana	Witch Hazel (H)	___ Vaccinium spp.	Blueberry (H)
___ Other native shrubs (please specify): _____			

NATIVE PERENNIALS: Please make sure that the plant you have corresponds to the Latin name. For pictures of more information about these plants go to Lady Bird Johnson Wild Flower Center Data Base

<https://www.wildflower.org/plants/>

Early Season Bloom: Spring through mid- June.

# Botanical Name	Common Name	# Botanical Name	Common Name
___ Aquilegia canadensis	Wild Columbine (H)	___ Phlox divericata	Wild Blue Phlox (H)
___ Baptisia australis	Blue False Indigo (H)	___ Phlox subulata	Moss Phlox
___ Geranium maculatum	Wild Geranium (H)	___ Polemonium reptans	Jacob's Ladder
___ Iris versicolor	Blue Flag Iris	___ Polygonatum biflorum	Solomon's Seal
___ Maianthemum racemosum	False Solomon's Seal	___ Sanguinaria Canadensis	Bloodroot
___ Packera aurea	Golden Ragwort (H)	___ Tiarella cordifolia	Foamflower
___ Penstemon digitalis	Foxglove beardtongue	___ Viola spp.	Violets (H)
___ Penstemon hirsutus	Beardtongue (H)	___ Zizia aurea	Golden Alexander (H)
___ Other natives (Please specify): _____			

Mid-Season Bloom: mid-June through mid-August.

# Botanical Name	Common Name	# Botanical Name	Common Name
<input type="checkbox"/> Achillea millefolium	Common Yarrow (H)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lilium superbum	Turk's Cap Lily
<input type="checkbox"/> Actaea racemosa	Bugbane	<input type="checkbox"/> Lobelia cardinalis	Cardinal Flower
<input type="checkbox"/> Anaphalis margaritacea	Pearly Everlasting (H)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lonicera sempervirens	Trumpet Honeysuckle (H)
<input type="checkbox"/> Asclepias spp.	Milkweeds (H)	<input type="checkbox"/> Monarda didyma	Bee Balm
<input type="checkbox"/> Coreopsis rosea	Pink Tickseed	<input type="checkbox"/> Phlox paniculata	Garden Phlox
<input type="checkbox"/> Echinacea purpurea	Purple Coneflower (H)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pycnanthemum spp.	Mountain Mint
<input type="checkbox"/> Eupatorium perfoliatum	Boneset (H)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rudbeckia laciniata	Cutleaf Coneflower (H)
<input type="checkbox"/> Eutrochium spp.	Joe Pye Weed (H)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rudbeckia triloba	Brown-eyed Susan
<input type="checkbox"/> Liatris spicata	Blazing Star	<input type="checkbox"/> Veronicastrum virginicum	Culver's Root
<input type="checkbox"/> Other natives (Please specify): _____			

Late Season Bloom: mid-August through frost.

# Botanical Name	Common Name	# Botanical Name	Common Name
<input type="checkbox"/> Agastache scrophulariifolia	Purple Giant Hyssop	<input type="checkbox"/> Heliopsis helianthoides	Ox-Eye Sunflower
<input type="checkbox"/> Ageratina altissima	White Snakeroot (H)	<input type="checkbox"/> Physostegia virginiana	Obedient Plant
<input type="checkbox"/> Chelone glabra	White Turtlehead (H)	<input type="checkbox"/> Rudbeckia hirta	Black-eyed Susan (H)
<input type="checkbox"/> Doellingeria umbellata	Flat-top White Aster (H)	<input type="checkbox"/> Salvia axurea var. grandiflora	Blue Sage
<input type="checkbox"/> Eurybia macrophylla	Big-leaf Aster (H)	<input type="checkbox"/> Solidago spp.	Goldenrods (H)
<input type="checkbox"/> Gentiana clausa	Bottle Gentian	<input type="checkbox"/> Symphyotrichum novae-angliae	New England Aster (H)
<input type="checkbox"/> Helianthus divaricatus	Woodland Sunflower(H)	<input type="checkbox"/> Symphyotrichum novi-belgii	New York Aster (H)
<input type="checkbox"/> Helenium autumnale	Sneezeweed	<input type="checkbox"/> Vernonia noveboracensis	New York Ironweed
<input type="checkbox"/> Other native (Please specify): _____			

STEP 2

PROVIDE WATER SOURCES

Like all living things, pollinators need a source of water.

How do you provide water for pollinators? **(Check all that apply. Minimum requirement: 1)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Birdbath or shallow water source | <input type="checkbox"/> Stream |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Butterfly puddling area | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Garden / Pond | |

STEP 3

PROVIDE SHELTER

Pollinators need places to nest and to overwinter. How do you provide overwintering and nesting sites for pollinators?

(Check all that apply. Minimum requirement: 3)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Spaces of bare ground | <input type="checkbox"/> Man-made boxes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rock pile / wall | <input type="checkbox"/> Leave garden cleanup until spring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dead wood | |

STEP 4

- Avoid pesticides

For more in-depth support to maximize your thriving pollinator garden, visit <https://monroe.cce.cornell.edu/master-gardeners/pollinator-friendly-gardens>. Our thanks to CCE Monroe's Master Gardener volunteer program for their invaluable contribution of comprehensive pollinator information.

Get on the map of Healthy Yards in your community. Register your native garden at: <https://www.colorpittsfordgreen.org/healthy-yards-monroe-county>.