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





















Plant List Recommendations for Monarch Gardens Communities near Atlanta, GA

This area is located in the Piedmont within the Eastern Temperate Forests Ecoregion.

The following plant recommendations can be used to achieve the 80% native plant requirement to obtain Monarch Garden Certification.

Plant Category	Common Name Scientific Name	Bloom Time	Bloom Color	Height	Spread	Light Conditions	Cover	Host	Nectar/ Pollen	Wildlife Value
Milkweed <i>*Required</i>	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i> ^ Swamp Milkweed	summer	pink	3-4'	2-3'			✓	✓	
	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> Butterfly Milkweed	summer	orange/ yellow	1-3'	0.5- 1.5'			✓	✓	
	<i>Asclepias verticillata</i> Whorled Milkweed	summer	purple/ cream	1-2.5'	1-2'			✓	✓	
Flowering Perennials	<i>Amsonia tabernaemontana</i> Eastern Bluestar	spring	blue	2.5-3'	2-3'			✓	✓	
	<i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i> ^ Blue Mistflower	summer	blue/ purple	2-3'	2-3'			✓	✓	
	<i>Coreopsis sp. (auriculata, lanceolata, verticillata, grandiflora)</i> Tickseed – Lobed, Lance- Leaved, Whorled, Largeflower	spring- summer	yellow/ orange	0.5-4'	0.5-1'				✓	
	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> Purple Coneflower	summer	rose/ purple	2-4'	1.5-2'			✓	✓	























<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i> Boneset	summer-fall	white	3-5'	3-4'			✓	✓	
<i>Eurybia divaricata</i> / <i>Aster divaricatus</i> White Wood Aster	summer-fall	white/ yellow	2-3.5'	3-4'				✓	
<i>Eutrochium fistulosum</i> Joe-pye weed	summer	pink/ purple	4-7'	2-4'			✓	✓	
<i>Fragaria virginiana</i> Virginia Strawberry	spring	white	0.5-1'	1-2'			✓	✓	
<i>Geranium maculatum</i> Wild/Spotted Geranium	spring	pink	1-3'	1-1.5'			✓	✓	
<i>Helenium autumnale</i> Sneezeweed	summer-fall	yellow/ brown	2-4'	1-2'			✓	✓	
<i>Helianthus sp.</i> (<i>angustifolius</i> , <i>divaricatus</i> , <i>microcephala</i>) Sunflower - Narrow-leaved, Woodland, Small Woodland	summer-fall	yellow	3-7'	1-3'			✓	✓	
<i>Liatris spicata</i> Blazing Star	summer-fall	purple/ pink/ rose	2-4'	1-1.5'			✓	✓	
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i> ^ Cardinal Flower	spring-summer	red	3-5'	1'				✓	
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i> Wild Bergamot/ Horsemint	spring-summer	lavender	2-4'	2'			✓	✓	
<i>Monarda punctata</i> ^ Spotted Bee Balm (often annual)	summer-fall	pink/ white/ yellow	1-2.5'	0.75-1'				✓	
<i>Oenothera fruticosa</i> Narrowleaf Evening Primrose	summer	yellow	1.5-3'	1-1.5'				✓	
<i>Penstemon australis</i> ^ Pink Beardtongue	spring-summer	pink/ white	1-3'	1'			✓	✓	
















<i>Pityopsis graminifolia</i> Golden Aster/Silkgrass	summer-fall	yellow/white	2-3'	1-5'			✓	✓	
<i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i> Narrowleaf Mountain Mint	summer-fall	white	2-3'	2-3'				✓	
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> Blackeyed Susan	summer-fall	yellow	1.5-3.5'	1-2'			✓	✓	
<i>Salvia lyrata</i> ^ Lyreleaf sage	spring	blue/purple	1-2'	0.5-1'				✓	
<i>Solidago sp. (caesia, odora, nemoralis, rugosa)</i> Goldenrod – Wreath, Anise-scented, Gray, Wrinkleleaf	summer-fall	yellow	2-4'	1.5-3'			✓	✓	
<i>Symphotrichum lateriflorum</i> ^ Calico Aster	summer-fall	white/purple	2-3'	2-3'			✓	✓	
<i>Symphotrichum patens</i> Late Purple Aster	fall	blue/purple	2-3'	1-2'			✓	✓	
<i>Trichostema dichotomum</i> ^ Forked Blue Curls	summer-fall	purple	2-3'	1-2'				✓	
<i>Verbesina virginica</i> Frostweed	summer-fall	white	4-5'				✓	✓	
<i>Viola pedata</i> Birdfoot Violet	spring	lavender / purple	0.25-0.5'	0.25-0.5'			✓	✓	
<i>Zizia aurea</i> Golden Alexander	spring-summer	yellow	1-3'	1.5-2'			✓	✓	

Vines	<i>Gelsemium sempervirens</i> Carolina Jessamine	winter- spring	yellow	10-20'	20-30'		✓		✓	
	<i>Lonicera sempervirens</i> Trumpet Honeysuckle	summer	red	10-15'	3-9'		✓	✓	✓	
	<i>Passiflora incarnata</i> Purple Passionflower	spring- summer	lavender	5-20'	3'			✓	✓	
	<i>Vitis rotundifolia</i> Muscadine Grape	spring	white	30'	3'			✓		
Shrubs	<i>Alnus serrulata</i> Smooth Alder	spring	yellow/ brown	5-30'	5-10'			✓	✓	
	<i>Baccharis halimifolia</i> ^ Sea Myrtle	summer- fall	white	6-15'	3-6'				✓	
	<i>Callicarpa americana</i> Beautyberry	spring- summer	pink/ white/ lavender	4-8'	3-6'			✓	✓	
	<i>Ceanothus americanus</i> New Jersey Tea	spring- summer	white	3-4'	3-5'			✓	✓	
	<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i> Buttonbush	summer- fall	white/ cream	6-20'	3-15'			✓	✓	
	<i>Cornus amomum</i> Silky Dogwood	spring	white	6-12'	6-12'			✓	✓	
	<i>Corylus americana</i> American Hazelnut	spring	white	10-16'	8-13'			✓		
<i>Ilex verticillata</i> Winterberry	spring	white	3-12'	3-12'			✓	✓		

<i>Kalmia latifolia</i> Mountain Laurel	spring	pink	6-20'	5-15'		✓	✓	✓	
<i>Rhus aromatica</i> Fragrant Sumac	spring	green/ yellow	2-6'	6-10'			✓	✓	
<i>Rhododendron arborescens</i> Sweet Azalea	spring- summer	white/ pale pink	8-12'	8-20'			✓	✓	
<i>Rhododendron calendulaceum</i> Flame Azalea	spring- summer	orange	4-8'	8-10'			✓	✓	
<i>Rhododendron periclymenoides</i> Pinxterbloom Azalea	spring	pink/ white	3-6'	4-7'			✓	✓	
<i>Rosa carolina</i> Pasture Rose	spring- summer	pink	3-6'	5-10'			✓	✓	
<i>Rubus sp.</i> Blackberry	spring	white	3-6'	3-12'			✓	✓	
<i>Spiraea tomentosa</i> Steeplebush	summer	pink/ purple	2-4'	3-5'			✓	✓	
<i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i> Highbush Blueberry	summer	white/ pink	6-12'	8-12'			✓	✓	
<i>Viburnum dentatum</i> Arrowwood Viburnum	spring	white	8-12'	6-10'			✓	✓	
<i>Viburnum prunifolium</i> black haw	spring	white	5-12'	6-12'			✓	✓	

Trees	<i>Acer rubrum</i> Red Maple	spring	red	40-60'	35-50'			✓	✓	
	<i>Aesculus pavia</i> Red Buckeye	spring	red/ pink	6-40'	12-15'			✓	✓	
	<i>Amelanchier arborea</i> Serviceberry	spring	white	15-25'	15-25'			✓	✓	
	<i>Betula nigra</i> River Birch	spring	tan/ green	50-75'	40-60'			✓		
	<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> Musclewood	spring	orange	20-35'	20-35'			✓		
	<i>Carya glabra</i> pignut hickory	spring	yellow/ green	50-80'	25-40'			✓		
	<i>Chionanthus virginicus</i> Fringetree	spring	white	12-35'	12-20'			✓	✓	
	<i>Cornus florida</i> Flowering Dogwood	spring	white	15-40'	15-30'			✓	✓	
	<i>Fagus grandifolia</i> American Beech	spring	yellow	50-80'	40-80'			✓		
	<i>Ilex opaca</i> American Holly	spring	white	20-50'	10-20'			✓	✓	
	<i>Juniperus virginiana</i> Eastern Red Cedar	spring	green	50'	8-25'		✓	✓		
	<i>Magnolia virginiana</i> Sweet Bay Magnolia	spring- summer	white	6-60'	10-35'		✓	✓	✓	
	<i>Malus angustifolia</i> Southern Crab Apple	spring	pink	20-30'	20'			✓	✓	

	<i>Pinus taeda</i> Loblolly Pine	spring	yellow	75-100'	30-50'		✓	✓		
	<i>Populus deltoides</i> Eastern Cottonwood	spring	yellow/ green	50-80 (190)'	35-60'			✓	✓	
	<i>Prunus angustifolia</i> Chickasaw plum	winter- spring	white	5-30'	4-20'			✓	✓	
	<i>Quercus sp.</i> Oak (several)	spring	yellow	varies by species	varies by species			✓		
	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> Black Locust	spring	white	30-50'	20-35'			✓	✓	
	<i>Salix nigra</i> Black Willow	spring	yellow/ green	30-60'	30-60'			✓	✓	
	<i>Tilia americana</i> American Basswood	spring	white/ yellow/ green	60-80'	40-60'			✓	✓	
	<i>Ulmus sp. (alata, americana, rubra)</i> Elm – Winged, American, Slippery	winter- spring	yellow/ green	65-120'	25-35'			✓	✓	
Grasses/ Grass-like	<i>Carex cherokeensis</i> Cherokee Sedge <i>C. albicans</i> Whitetinge Sedge	spring	green	1-4'	2'		✓	✓		
	<i>Panicum virgatum</i> Switchgrass	summer	green	3-6'	2-3'			✓	✓	
	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> Little Bluestem	summer- fall	yellow/ green	2-4'	1.5-2'			✓	✓	

Ferns and Fern-Allies	<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i> Sensitive Fern	n/a	n/a	3-4'	3-4'	  		✓		
	<i>Osmunda regalis/ regalis</i> <i>var. spectabilis</i> Royal Fern	n/a	n/a	6'	2-3'	  		✓		
	<i>Osmundastrum</i> <i>cinnamomea</i> Cinnamon Fern	n/a	n/a	5'	2-3'	  		✓		
	<i>Polystichum acrostichoides</i> Christmas Fern	n/a	n/a	1-2'	1-2'	 	✓	✓		

Additional Resources:

NWF Native Plant Finder Host Plants for Butterfly and Moth Caterpillars: [Eastern Temperate Forests](#)

[Monarch Nectar Plants Guide: Mid-Atlantic](#)

[The Biota of North America Taxonomic Data Center Query Page](#)

Georgia Native Plant Society [Plant Library](#)











[North Carolina Extension Gardener Plant Toolbox](#)

[Ecoregional Revegetation Application \(ERA\)](#)

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center Special Collections: [Georgia Recommended](#)

Missouri Botanical Garden [Plant Finder](#)

Key to Wildlife Details:

	Plant provides place for wildlife to rest or nest, often evergreen leaves or needles		Keystone species supporting butterflies, moths, and/or pollinator specialist bees critical to maintaining a healthy ecosystem
Host	Host plant to butterfly and/or moth species supporting their caterpillars		Foliage eaten by butterfly and/or moth caterpillars as food source necessary for survival
Nectar/ Pollen	Plant provides nectar and/or pollen as a food source		Nectar used by adult butterflies and/or moths
	Tolerates full sun 6+ hours of sun		Pollen used by bees
	Tolerates part shade 2-6 hours of sun		Nectar used by hummingbirds
	Tolerates full shade <2 hours of sun		Seeds or fruits used by birds and/or plant provides nesting or cover to birds
	^ newly added species Species sold by Garden for Wildlife		Seeds or fruits used by small mammals