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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 *Required	<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](#)











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

Missouri Botanical Garden [Plant Finder](#)



**Key to Wildlife Details:**

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