



Plant List Recommendations for Monarch Gardens Communities near Indianapolis, IN


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 syriaca</i> Common Milkweed	summer	pink	4-8'	1'			✓	✓	
	<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>Aquilegia canadensis</i> Eastern Red Columbine	spring	red/ yellow	1-2.5'	1-1.5'			✓	✓	
	<i>Aruncus dioicus</i> Goat's beard	spring	cream/ white	4-6'	2-4'			✓	✓	
	<i>Asarum canadense</i> Wild Ginger	spring	maroon	0.5-1'	1-1.5'			✓		

<i>Baptisia alba</i> White Wild Indigo	spring-summer	white	2-4'	2-3'			✓	✓	
<i>Blephilia ciliata</i> Downy Woodmint	spring-summer	purple/blue	1-2.5'	0.75-1.5'				✓	
<i>Caltha palustris</i> Marsh Marigold	spring	yellow	1-2'	1-1.5'				✓	
<i>Conoclinium coelestinum</i> Blue Mistflower	summer-fall	blue/purple	2-3'	2-3'			✓	✓	
<i>Coreopsis sp. (lanceolata, tripteris, palmata)</i> Tickseed – Lance-Leaved, Tall, Stiff	spring-summer	yellow/orange	0.5-4'	0.5-1'				✓	
<i>Dalea purpurea</i> Purple Prairie Clover	summer	purple	1-3'	1.5'		✓	✓	✓	
<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>Eutrochium sp. (fistulosum, maculatum, purpureum)</i> Joe-Pye Weed – Trumpetweed, Spotted, Sweet-Scented	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. (divaricatus, microcephalus)</i> Sunflower –Woodland, Small Woodland	summer	yellow	2-6'	1-3'			✓	✓	
<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i> Oxeye Sunflower	summer	yellow	3-6'	2-4'			✓	✓	
<i>Heuchera americana</i> Alumroot/ Coral Bells	summer	white/ green	1-2'	1-1.5'			✓	✓	
<i>Hibiscus moscheutos</i> Marsh Hibiscus/ Rose Mallow	summer	pink/ white/ red	4-6'	2-4'			✓	✓	
<i>Liatris aspera</i> Rough Blazing Star	summer- fall	purple/ pink	1-4'	1-1.5'			✓	✓	
<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>Packera aurea</i> Golden Groundsel	spring	yellow	0.5-2'	0.5- 1.5'			✓	✓	
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i> Foxglove Beardtongue	spring- summer	white	2-5'	1.5-2'			✓	✓	

<i>Polemonium reptans</i> Jacob's Ladder	spring	lavender / purple/ blue	1-1.5'	1-1.5'			✓	✓	
<i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i> Narrowleaf Mountain Mint	summer- fall	white	2-3'	2-3'				✓	
<i>Ratibida pinnata</i> Yellow Coneflower/ Gray Mexican Hat	summer	yellow	3-5'	1.5-2'			✓	✓	
<i>Rudbeckia sp. (hirta, fulgida, laciniata)</i> Blackeyed Susan, Orange Coneflower, Cutleaf Coneflower	summer- fall	yellow	1.5-6'	1-2'			✓	✓	
<i>Salvia lyrata</i> Lyreleaf sage	spring	blue/ purple	1-2'	0.5-1'				✓	
<i>Solidago sp. (nemoralis, caesia, rugosa)</i> Goldenrod – Gray, Wreath, Wrinkleleaf	summer- fall	yellow	1-5'	1.5-3'			✓	✓	
<i>Symphotrichum sp. (laeve, cordifolium, patens, novae-angliae, novi-belgii)</i> Aster - Smooth Blue, Blue Wood, Late Purple, New England, New York	summer- fall	blue/ purple	2-6'	1-2'			✓	✓	
<i>Symphotrichum lateriflorum</i> Calico Aster	summer- fall	white/ purple	2-3'	2-3'			✓	✓	
<i>Verbesina alternifolia</i> Wingstem	summer- fall	yellow	4-6'	2-6'			✓	✓	
<i>Vernonia fasciculata</i> Prairie Ironweed	summer	purple	3-6'	1.5-3'			✓	✓	
<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>Bignonia capreolata</i> Crossvine	spring	red/ yellow	30-40'	6-30'			✓	✓	
	<i>Clematis virginiana</i> Virgin's Bower	summer-fall	white	12-20'	3-6'				✓	
	<i>Lonicera reticulata</i> Grape Honeysuckle	spring-summer	yellow	8-12'	5'				✓	
	<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>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i> Virginia Creeper	spring-summer	white/ green	30-50'	5-10'			✓	✓	
	Shrubs	<i>Amorpha sp. (canescens, fruticosa)</i> Leadplant/ False Indigo	spring-summer	purple	2-12'	2-15'			✓	✓
<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i> Black Chokeberry		summer	white	3-6'	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 alba</i> Redosier Dogwood		spring	white	10-15'	6-9'			✓	✓	
<i>Cornus amomum</i> Silky Dogwood		spring	white	6-12'	6-12'			✓	✓	
<i>Cornus racemosa</i> Grey dogwood		spring	white	6-15'	10-15'			✓	✓	

<i>Corylus americana</i> American Hazelnut	spring	white	10-16'	8-13'			✓		
<i>Diervilla lonicera</i> Northern Bush-Honeysuckle	summer	yellow	2-3'	2-4'			✓	✓	
<i>Hypericum prolificum</i> Shrubby St. John's Wort	spring	yellow	1-5'	1-4'			✓	✓	
<i>Ilex verticillata</i> Winterberry	spring	white	3-12'	3-12'			✓	✓	
<i>Lindera benzoin</i> Northern Spicebush	spring	yellow	6-12'	6-12'			✓	✓	
<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i> Ninebark		white/ pink	5-8'	4-6'					
<i>Rhus aromatica</i> Fragrant Sumac	spring	green/ yellow	2-6'	6-10'			✓	✓	
<i>Rhus copallinum</i> Winged Sumac	summer	green	7-15'	10-20'			✓	✓	
<i>Rosa carolina</i> Pasture Rose	spring- summer	pink	3-6'	5-10'			✓	✓	
<i>Rosa palustris</i> Swamp Rose	spring	pink/ white	5-7'	3-6'			✓	✓	
<i>Rubus sp. (allegheniensis, occidentalis, odoratus)</i> Blackberry – Allegheny, Black, Purple-Flowering	spring	white	3-6'	3-12'			✓	✓	
<i>Sambucus nigra ssp. canadensis</i> Elderberry	summer	white	5-12'	5-12'			✓	✓	
<i>Spiraea alba</i> Meadowsweet	summer	white	2-6'	3-4'			✓	✓	
<i>Spiraea tomentosa</i> Steeplebush	summer	pink	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 lentago</i> Nannyberry	spring	cream/ white	15-18'	8-10'			✓	✓	
	<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>Acer saccharum</i> Sugar Maple	spring- summer	yellow/ green	40-120'	30-60'			✓	✓	
	<i>Aesculus glabra</i> Ohio Buckeye	spring	yellow	20-40'	20-40'			✓	✓	
	<i>Amelanchier arborea</i> Serviceberry	spring	white	15-25'	15-25'			✓	✓	
	<i>Amelanchier laevis</i> Allegheny Serviceberry	spring	white/ pink	15-25'	15-20'			✓	✓	
	<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>Cercis canadensis</i> Redbud	spring	pink	10-30'	25-35'			✓	✓	
<i>Cornus florida</i> Flowering Dogwood	spring	white	15-40'	15-30'			✓	✓	
<i>Diospyros virginiana</i> Persimmon	spring	white/ yellow	35-60'	25-35'			✓	✓	
<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>Malus coronaria</i> Sweet Crabapple	spring	white/ pink	15-30'	20-30'			✓	✓	
<i>Populus deltoides</i> Eastern Cottonwood	spring	yellow/ green	50-80 (190)'	35-60'			✓	✓	
<i>Prunus americana</i> American Plum	spring	white	25-35'	15-25'			✓	✓	
<i>Prunus angustifolia</i> Chickasaw plum	winter- spring	white	5-30'	4-20'			✓	✓	
<i>Quercus sp. (alba, bicolor, macrocarpa, palustris, shumardii)</i> Oak - White, Swamp White, Burr, Pin, Shumard's	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. (americana, rubra)</i> Elm – American, Slippery	winter- spring	yellow/ green	65-120'	25-35'			✓	✓	
Grasses/ Grass-like	<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i> Sideoats Grama	summer- fall	red/ orange/ yellow	1-3'	1'		✓	✓		
	<i>C. plantaginea</i> Plantain-Leaf Sedge, <i>C. radiata</i> Eastern Star Sedge	spring- summer	green	1-2'	1-2'		✓	✓		
	<i>Eragrostis spectabilis</i> Purple Lovegrass	summer- fall	purple	1-2'	1-2'			✓		
	<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'			✓	✓	
	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i> Indian Grass	summer- fall	green/ yellow	4-6'	1-2'		✓			
	<i>Spartina pectinata</i> Prairie Cord Grass	summer	green	3-8'	4'			✓		
Ferns and Fern-Allies	<i>Adiantum pedatum</i> Maidenhair Fern	n/a	n/a	1-2'	1-1.5'		✓			
	<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i> Sensitive Fern	n/a	n/a	3-4'	3-4'			✓		
	<i>Osmunda regalis var. spectabilis</i> Royal Fern	n/a	n/a	6'	2-3'			✓		
	<i>Osmundastrum 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](#)

NWF Garden for Wildlife Keystone Native Plants: [Eastern Temperate Forests](#)

Monarch Nectar Plants Guide: [Midwest](#)

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











Indiana Native Plant Society – [Indiana Native Plant Finder](#)
[Ecoregional Revegetation Application \(ERA\)](#)

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

Missouri Botanical Garden Plant Finder

[North Carolina Extension Gardener Plant Toolbox](#)

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 plant to butterfly and/or moth species supporting their caterpillars		Foliage eaten by butterfly and/or moth caterpillars as food source necessary for survival
	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
	Species sold by Garden for Wildlife		Seeds or fruits used by small mammals