

Native Plants at Guild Park’s Pollinator Garden

Planted Fall 2022 / Updated July 2025

Botanical Name	Common Name	Host Plant For These Butterflies & Moths
Anaphalis margaritacea	Pearly Everlasting	American Lady & Painted Lady Butterflies
Anemone canadensis	Canada Anemone	Veiled Ear Moth
Aquilegia canadensis	Wild Columbine	Columbine Duskywing
Asclepias incarnata	Swamp Milkweed	Monarch Butterfly, Queen Butterfly*
Asclepias tuberosa	Butterfly Milkweed	Monarch Butterfly, Queen Butterfly*
Baptisia australis	Wild Blue Indigo	Wild Indigo Duskywing
Chelone glabra	Wild Turtlehead	Baltimore Checkerspot
Coreopsis lanceolata	Lanceleaf Coreopsis	Silvery Checkerspot Butterfly
Diervilla lonicera	Bush Honeysuckle	Snowberry Clearwing Moth
Echinacea pallida	Pale Purple Coneflower	Silvery Checkerspot Butterfly
Echinacea purpurea	Purple Coneflower	
Eutrochium maculatum	Spotted Joe Pye Weed	Three-Lined Flower Moth & Ruby Tiger Moth
Fragaria virginiana	Wild Strawberry	Gray Hairstreak Butterfly
Lobelia cardinalis	Cardinal Flower	
Monarda fistulosa	Wild Bergamot	Hermit Sphinx Moth, Snout Moth, Raspberry Pyrausta
Penstemon digitalis	Foxglove Beardtongue	
Rudbeckia hirta	Black-Eyed Susan	Gorgone Checkerspot
Solidago caesia	Blue Stemmed Goldenrod	Leaf Beetles and Leaf Hoppers
Solidago flexicaulis	Zig Zag Goldenrod	
Solidago ptarmacoides	Upland White Goldenrod	
Spirea alba	Meadowsweet	Spring Azure Butterfly
Sporobolus heterolepis	Prairie Dropseed	
Symphyotrichum laeve	Smooth Aster	
Symphyotrichum novae-angliae	New England Aster	Northern & Pearl Crescent Butterflies
Verbena hastata	Blue Vervain	Common Buckeye
Zizia aurea	Golden Alexander	Black Swallowtail Butterfly

***Note:** the Queen butterfly is not native to this area but has been seen as far north as Massachusetts and the American Mid-West. With the changing climate, we have included this butterfly on the list as its northernmost range may well expand into the Great Lakes Region in the coming years.