

Bee City USA Recommended Native Pollinator Friendly Plant List for Asheville, NC Area (Note: List is not exhaustive.) Revised 3/13

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| PERENNIAL FLOWERS | | | | | | | | | |
| Actaea racemosa | Black Cohosh | May-Sep | white | 30-60" | shade to partial shade | moist | butterflies, hummingbirds | X | A, B,C,F,G,H,L |
| Actaea podocarpa | Yellow Cohosh | May-Jun | white | 30-48" | shade to partial shade | moist | butterflies, hummingbirds | X | |
| Aruncus dioicus var. dioicus | Eastern Goatsbeard | Jun-Jul | white | 48-60" | shade to partial shade | moist | butterflies, bees, beetles | X | A,C,G,K,L |
| Asclepias exaltata | Tall Milkweed | Jun-Jul | yellow | 36-48" | shade to partial shade | moist | butterflies, hummingbirds | X | A,B,I |
| Asclepias incarnata | Swamp milkweed, Pink Milkweed | Jun-Oct | rose-purple | 3-6' | sun, part-shade | wet, moist | bees, bumble bees, honey bees, butterflies, moths, hummingbirds | X | J,K,L |
| Asclepias syriaca | Common Milkweed | Jun-Aug | purple | | sun | moist | bees, bumble bees, honey bees, butterflies, moths | X | J,L |
| Asclepias tuberosa | Butterflyweed, Butterfly milkweed, Orange milkweed, Pleurisy root | Jun-Sep | orange, yellow | 1-2' | sun, part-shade | dry, moist | bees, bumble bees, honey bees, butterflies, moths, hummingbirds | X | C,G,J,K,L |
| Baptisia australis | Blue wild indigo, Wild blue indigo, Blue false indigo | Apr-Jul | blue purple | 3-5' | sun | moist | bees, bumble bees | | C,G,K,L |
| Baptisia tinctoria | Yellow Wild indigo | Jul-Aug | pink | 2-3' | sun to partial shade | dry | butterflies, bees | X | A,F,H,L |
| Chelone lyonii | Appalachian Turtlehead, Pink Turtlehead | Aug-Oct | purple | 24-48" | sun to partial shade | wet to moist | bees, butterflies, hummingbirds | X | A,C,D,E,G,K,L |
| Coreopsis pubescens var. pubescens | Hairy Coreopsis | Jul-Sep | golden-yellow | 36-48" | sun to partial shade | dry to dry-mesic | butterflies, beetles, hummingbirds | | D |
| Coreopsis tripteris | Tall tickseed, Tall coreopsis | Jul-Sep | yellow | 3-9' | part shade | moist | bees | | A |

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| Dicentra eximia | Wild Bleeding Heart | Apr-Jun | rose-pink | 12-18" | shade to partial shade | moist, well-drained, thin | hummingbirds, bees | | A,C,F,L |
| Diphylleia cymosa | Umbrella Leaf | Apr-Jun | white | 18-30" | shade to partial shade | moist to wet | bees, beetles, flies | | L |
| Eupatoriadelphus fistulosus (AKA Eupatorium fistulosum) | Hollow-stem Joe-pyeweed (AKA Trumpetweed) | Jul-Sep | lavender pink | 3-5' | sun to partial shade | moist to wet | bees, butterflies | X | A,L |
| Eupatoriadelphus maculatus AKA: Eupatorium (or Eutrochium) maculatum | Spotted Joy Pye Weed, Spotted Trumpetweed | Aug-Sep | pink, purple | 3-6' | sun, part-shade | moist, wet | butterflies, bees, moths | X | C |
| Eurybia divaricata | White Wood Aster | Aug-Oct | white (yellow center) | 24-30" | shade to partial shade | moist | butterflies, bees | X | A,C,D,E,L |
| Galax urceolata | Galax | May-Jul | white | 4-6" | shade to sun | moist to dry | bees, flies | | A,B,H,G,K,L |
| Gentianella quinquefolia ssp. quinquefolia | Eastern Aquweed | Aug-Oct | blue | 6-24" | sun to partial shade | dry to moist | bees, flies | | |
| Geranium maculatum | Wild Geranium | Apr-May | pink to rose | 18-24" | shade | moist | butterflies, bees | X | A,F,K,L |
| Helianthus angustifolius | Swamp Sunflower | Oct | yellow | 1-3' | part shade | wet | bees | | G,K |
| Helianthus annuus | Common Sunflower | Jul-Oct | yellow | 2-8' | sun | dry | bees | | E |
| Helianthus atrorubens | Appalachian Sunflower | Jul-Sep | yellow (purple center) | 4-7' | sun to partial shade | dry | butterflies, bees | X | |
| Helianthus microcephalus | Small-headed Sunflower | Aug-Sep | yellow | 3-6' | shade to partial shade | moist to dry | bees | X | |

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| Heuchera villosa | Rock Alumroot | Jul-Aug | white | 8-24" | shade to partial shade | dry to moist, well drained thin soils, acidic | hummingbirds, butterflies | | B,G,L |
| Hexastylis shuttleworthii var. shuttleworthii | Large-flowered Heartleaf | May-Jun | brown | 4-6" | shade | mesic, acidic | beetles, flies | | A,B,L |
| Hylotelephium telephioides | Appalachian Live-forever | Jul-Sep | pink | 18" | sun | dry | butterflies | | A |
| Iris cristata (Alton) AKA: Neubeckia cristata (Aiton) Alef. | Dwarf Crested Iris | Apr-May | blue | 6-10" | shade to partial shade | moist | hummingbirds, bees | | A,B,C,F,G,H,J,K,L |
| Liatris scariosa var. scariosa | Northern Blazing-star | Aug-Sep | rosy-pink | 15-24' | sun | dry | butterflies, bees | | K |
| Liatris spicata var. spicata | Dense Blazing-star | Jul-Sep | rosy-pink | 20-40' | sun | dry to wet | hummingbirds, butterflies, bees | | C,D,E,G,H,K |
| Lilium michauxii | Carolina Lily | Jul-Aug | orange-red with purple spots | 30-40" | partial shade | dry | hummingbirds, butterflies | | |
| Lilium superbum | Turk's-cap Lily | Jul-Aug | orange to yellow | to 8' | shade to partial shade | moist to wet | hummingbirds,moths, bees, butterflies | | A,C,G,K,L |
| Lobelia cardinalis | Cardinal Flower | Jul-Sep | red | 36-48" | sun to partial shade | moist to wet | hummingbirds, butterflies, bees | | A,B,C,D,E,F,G,I,K,L |
| Lobelia siphilitica | Great Blue Lobelia | Jul-Sep | blue | 24-40" | sun to partial shade | moist to wet | hummingbirds, bees, butterflies | | A,B,C,D.F,G,L |
| Monarda didyma | Bee Balm | Jul-Sep | scarlet red | 2-6' | sun to partial shade | moist to wet | hummingbirds, butterflies, bees | X | A,B,C,E,F,G,I,L |

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| Penstemon canescens | Appalachian Beardtongue | May-Jun | violet | 12-30" | sun to partial shade | dry to dry-mesic | hummingbirds, bees, butterflies | X | F |
| Penstemon digitalis | Mississippi penstemon, Smooth white beardtongue, Talus slope penstemon, Foxglove beardtongue | May-Jul | white | 18"-3' | sun, part-shade | wet, moist, dry | bees, bumble bees, hummingbirds | | C,E,G,L |
| Penstemon smallii | Blue Ridge Beardtongue, Smalls Penstemon | May-Jun | deep pink to purple | 12-24" | sun to partial shade | dry to dry-mesic | butterflies, bees, hummingbirds | X | A,L |
| Phemeranthus teretifolius | Appalachian Fameflower | Jun-Sep | pink | 8-10" | sun | dry | butterflies | | |
| Phlox divaricata ssp. divaricata | Eastern Blue Phlox | Apr-May | blue | 12-15" | shade | moist | bees, butterflies | | B,C,F,G,K,L |
| Phlox stolonifera | Creeping Phlox | Apr-May | blue | 6-8" | shade | moist | bees, butterflies | | A,C,E,G,K |
| Rudbeckia hirta | Black-eyed Susan, Common black-eyed Susan, Brown-eyed Susan | Jun-Oct | yellow | 1-2' | sun, shade, part-shade | moist, dry | bees, butterflies, moths | X | A,E,K |
| Rudbeckia laciniata | Cutleaf coneflower, Green-head coneflower, Cut-leaf coneflower | Jul-Oct | yellow | 48-84" | sun to partial shade | moist to wet | bees, flies, wasps, butterflies, moths | X | A,C,D,G,J,L |
| Rudbeckia triloba | Brown-eyed Susan | Jul-Sep | yellow | 24-42" | sun to partial shade | dry to moist | bees, flies, wasps, butterflies, moths, beetles | X | C,K |
| Sanguinaria canadensis | Bloodroot | Mar-Apr | white | 6-12" | shade | moist | bees, beetles, flies | | A,C,F,G,K,L |
| Sedum glaucophyllum | Cliff Stonecrop | May-Jun | white | 2-4" | partial shade | moist | butterflies | | |

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| Silene virginica | Fire Pink, Firepink | May-Jul | red | 8-12" | sun to partial shade | moist | hummingbirds, flies, bees, butterflies | | B,C,G,L |
| Solidago canadensis | Canada goldenrod, Canadian goldenrod, Tall goldenrod, Giant goldenrod | Sep-Nov | yellow | 3-6' | sun, part-shade | moist, dry | bees, honey bees, butterflies | | E,K |
| Solidago curtisii | Curtis's Goldenrod | Aug-Oct | yellow | 1-2' | shade to partial shade | moist | butterflies, beetles, bees | X | A |
| Solidago roanensis | Roan Mt. Goldenrod | Jul-Sep | yellow | 8-15" | sun | dry | butterflies, beetles, bees | X | |
| Symphotrichum cordifolium | Blue Wood Aster | Sep-Oct | blue | 2-3' | shade to partial shade | moist | butterflies, bees, wasps, flies, beetles | X | A,B |
| Symphotrichum undulatum | Wavy-leaved Aster | Aug-Nov | blue to lilac | 3-4' | sun to partial shade | dry | butterflies, bees | X | A |
| Thermopsis villosa | Aaron's-rod, Carolina Bush Pea | May-Jun | yellow | 3-7' | sun to partial shade | dry to moist | butterflies | | A,H,L |
| Tiarella cordifolia | Foamflower | Apr-May | white | 1-2' | shade | | butterflies, bees | | A,B,C,E,F,H,I |
| Trillium luteum | Yellow Trillium | Apr-Jun | yellow | 4-12" | shade, higher calcium | moist | bees, beetles | X | A,B,F,L |
| Vernonia noveboracensis | Ironweed | Aug-Sep | purple | 3-7' | sun to partial shade | moist to wet | butterflies, honey bees | X | A,C,J,L |

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| VINES | | | | | | | | | |
| Aristolochia macrophylla | Dutchman's Pipe | May-Jun | brown | 15-30' | shade to partial shade | moist | flies | X | B,C |
| Clematis virginiana | Virgin's Bower | Jul-Sep | white | to 30' | sun to shade | moist | butterflies, bees, wasps | | L |
| Parthenocissus quinquefolia | Virginia Creeper | Jun-Jul | yellowish-green | 30-45' | sun to partial shade | moist | bees | X | A,B,C,D,L |
| TREES & SHRUBS | | | | | | | | | |
| Aesculus flava | Yellow Buckeye | Apr | yellow | 80'+ | sun to shade | moist, well-drained | hummingbirds, bees | X | A,B,G |
| Alnus serrulata | Tag Alder | Mar | brown | 12-20' | sun to partial shade | moist to wet | bees, wind | X | K |
| Betula nigra | River Birch | Mar-Apr | brownish-green | 50-75' | sun to partial shade | moist | wind | X | B,G,I |
| Calycanthus floridus | Sweet Shrub, Bubby Bush | Apr-May | red | 4-6' | sun to partial shade | moist | beetles | | A,B,D,G,H,K,L |
| Cladrastis kentukea | Yellow-wood | Apr-May | white | 30-50' | shade to sun | moist | bees, butterflies | | A,D,G |
| Clethra acuminata | Mountain Pepperbush | Jul-Aug | white | 7-12' | shade to sun | moist | hummingbirds, butterflies, honey bees | | A,D,G,H,I,K |
| Cornus alternifolia | Pagoda Dogwood | May-Jun | white | 15-25' | partial shade | moist | butterflies, bees, flies | X | A,D,G |
| Cornus amomum | Silky Dogwood | May-Jun | white | 4-10' | sun | moist to wet | bees, flies, butterflies | X | A,D,K |
| Cornus florida | Flowering Dogwood | Apr-May | white | 15-30' | sun to partial shade | moist, well-drained | butterflies, bees, flies | X | B,E,G,I,K |
| Diervilla sessilifolia | Southern Bush Honeysuckle | Jun-Aug | yellow | 4-5' | sun to partial shade | moist | bumble bees, hummingbirds | | G,K |
| Euonymus americanus | Hearts-a-bustin' | May-Jun | greenish-white | 3-6' | shade to partial shade | moist | bees, beetles, flies, ants | X | A,B,D,G,K |

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| Halesia tetraptera var. tetraptera | Silverbell | Apr-May | white | 30-40' | shade to sun | moist | butterflies, bees | | A,G |
| Hydrangea arborescens | Smooth Hydrangea | May-Jun | white | 4-5' | shade to partial shade | moist | butterflies, bees | | A,B,E,G,K |
| Hypericum densiflorum | Bushy St. John's-wort | Jun-Aug | yellow | 2-6' | sun | moist to wet, acidic | bees | | I,K |
| Kalmia latifolia | Mountain Laurel | May-Jun | pale pink | 8-20' | shade to partial shade | dry to moist, well-drained | butterflies, hummingbirds | | B,E,G,H,I,K,L |
| Leucothoe fontanesiana | Doghobble | Apr-May | white | 18-24" | shade to partial shade | moist | bees, butterflies | | A,B,E,G,I,K,L |
| Liriodendron tulipifera | Tulip Poplar | Apr-May | light orange | to 100' | shade to partial shade | moist | bees | X | A,B |
| Magnolia acuminata | Cucumber Tree | Apr-May | white | 60-80' | sun to shade | moist, calcareous or mafic | bees, beetles | | A,G |
| Magnolia Virginiana | Sweetbay, Sweetbay magnolia, Swampbay, Swamp magnolia, Small magnolia | Apr-Jul | white | 12-50' | part-shade | moist | butterflies, moths, beetles | X | G |
| Oxydendrum arboreum | Sourwood | Jun-Jul | white | to 50' | sun to shade | dry to dry - mesic, acidic | bees, butterflies | X | A,B,G,L |
| Prunus serotina | Black Cherry | Apr-May | white | 60-90' | shade to sun | moist | bees, butterflies, flies, wasps | X | |
| Rhododendron arborescens | Sweet Azalea | Jun-Jul | white to pink | 8-12' | sun to partial shade | moist, acidic | butterflies, hummingbirds | X | H,G,K,L |

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| Rhododendron calendulaceum | Flame Azalea | May-Jun | orange, yellow, reddish-orange | 4-8' | sun to shade | dry to moist, well-drained, acidic | butterflies, hummingbirds | X | D,G,H,K,L |
| Rhododendron carolinianum | Punctatum | Apr-May | pink | 3-6' | sun to partial shade | dry-acidic | hummingbirds, butterflies | | H,K,L |
| Rhododendron catawbiense | Catawba Rhododendron | Jun | red to reddish-pink | 6-10' | sun to partial shade | moist | hummingbirds, butterflies | | E,H,I,K,L |
| Rhododendron maximum | Great Laurel | Jun-Jul | white | 6-25' | shade to shade | moist, acidic | hummingbirds, butterflies | | A,B,G,H,K,L |
| Rhus copallinum var. copallinum | Winged Sumac | Jun-Aug | greenish-yellow | 20-30' | sun to partial shade | dry | butterflies, wasps, flies, bees | X | B,K |
| Rosa carolina | Carolina Rose | May-Jun | pink | 3-6' | sun to partial shade | moist | bees, flies, beetles | X | A,D |
| Rubus odoratus | Flowering Raspberry | Jun-Aug | purple-rose | 4-6' | sun to partial shade | moist | butterflies, wasps, flies, bees | | A,K,L |
| Stewartia ovata | Mountain Camellia | Jun-Jul | white | 10-15' | shade to partial shade | moist, acidic | beetles, bees, flies | | |
| Viburnum cassinoides, AKA Viburnum nudum var. Cassinoides | With-rod | May-Jun | white | 5-6' | shade to sun | moist | butterflies | X | G,K |
| Viburnum dentatum | Southern Arrowwood, Arrowwood Viburnum | May-Jul | white | 6-8' | sun,shade, part-shade | moist | bees, bumble bees, butterflies, moths | X | E,G,K,L |
| Xanthorhiza simplicissima | Yellowroot | Mar-May | purplish-brown | 2-3' | shade to partial shade | moist to wet | bees | | A,K,L |

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LOCAL NURSERIES THAT STOCK THESE PLANTS

| Name | Code | Location | Website |
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| Sandy Mush Herb Nursery | A | Leicester | www.sandymushherbs.com |
| Eagle Feather Organic Farm | B | Marshall | www.ncgoldenseal.com |
| Willow Creek Nursery | C | Weaverville | www.ashevilleperennials.com |
| Elk Mountain Nursery | D | Asheville | http://elk-mountain.com |
| Painters Greenhouse | E | Old Fort | www.paintersgreenhouse.com |
| Big Pine Native Gardens | F | Marshall | www.bigpinegardens.com |
| Reems Creek Nursery | G | Weaverville | www.reemscreek.com |
| Red Root Native Nursery | H | Asheville | www.redrootnatives.com |
| Henn's Plant Farm | I | Fletcher | www.hennsplantfarm.com |
| Geowild | J | Weaverville | 828-658-3904 |
| Carolina Native Nursery | K | Burnsville | www.carolinanativenursery.com |
| Gardens of the Blue Ridge | L | Pineola | www.gardensoftheblueridge.com |

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