

Plant list from presentation:
Fighting the “Bad Bugs” with the “Good Bugs”

How to use this list: Select plants from the different groups below to create a sequence of blooms (nectar source) throughout the entire growing season. Be sure to include some grasses for shelter. Even just incorporating a handful of these native MO plants will help create a habitat that’s attractive to native beneficial arthropods!

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Wildflowers

Groundcover/Short

Robin’s plantain, *Erigeron pulchellus* (lt/med shade) mid-late spring
pussytoes, *Antennaria spp.* (sun/med shade) mid spring - early summer
purple poppy mallow, *Callirhoe involucrata* (sun) early-mid summer

Mid

golden alexanders, *Zizia spp.* (sun/med shade) mid spring – early summer
lanceleaf coreopsis, *Coreopsis lanceolata*, (sun/lt shade) late spring – early summer
mountain mint, *Pycnanthemum spp.* (sun/lt shade) mid summer – early fall
partridge pea, *Chamaecrista fasciculata* (sun) early – late summer
boneset, *Eupatorium perfoliatum* (sun/lt shade) mid summer – early fall
asters, *Symphyotrichum spp.* (sun/med shade) late summer – mid fall

Mid-Tall

bee balm, *Monarda bradburiana* (sun/shade) late spring – early summer
milkweeds, *Asclepias spp.* (sun/med shade) late spring – early fall
common yarrow, *Achillea millefolium* (sun/lt shade) late spring – mid summer
wild bergamot, *Monarda fistulosa* (sun/lt shade) early – mid summer
wild senna, *Senna marilandica* (sun/lt shade) mid-late summer
plains coreopsis, *Coreopsis tinctoria* (sun) mid – late summer
rattlesnake master, *Eryngium yuccifolium* (sun/lt shade) mid-late summer
goldenrod, *Solidago spp.* (sun/shade) late summer – mid fall
late figwort, *Scrophularia marilandica* (part sun/med shade) late summer – mid fall
yellow sweet coneflower, *Rudbeckia subtomentosa* (sun/med shade) late summer – early fall
prairie dock, *Silphium terebinthinaceum* (sun/lt shade) late summer – early fall

Shrubs/Trees

Short shrubs

prairie red root, *Ceanothus herbaceus* (sun/lt shade) late spring
New Jersey tea, *Ceanothus americanus* (sun/lt shade) early summer
leadplant, *Amorpha canescens* (sun/lt shade) early summer
wild hydrangea, *Hydrangea arborescens* (shade/part sun) early-mid summer
shrubby St. John’s wort, *Hypericum prolificum* (sun/med shade) early-late summer

Taller shrubs & trees

ninebark, *Physocarpus opulifolius* (sun/shade) early summer
elderberry, *Sambucus canadensis* (sun/shade) early-mid summer
wild plum, *Prunus spp.* (sun/lt shade) early-mid spring

hawthorn, *Crataegus viridis* (sun/lt shade) late spring
basswood, *Tilia americana* (sun/lt shade) early summer

Bunch grasses

sedges, *Carex spp.* (shade/sun)
little bluestem, *Schizachyrium scoparium* (sun/lt shade)
splitbeard bluestem, *Andropogon ternarius* (sun/lt shade)
prairie dropseed, *Sporobolus heterolepis* (sun)
sideoats grama, *Bouteloua curtipendula* (sun)
Virginia wild rye, *Elymus virginicus* (sun/shade)
big bluestem, *Andropogon gerardii* (sun/lt shade)
Indian grass, *Sorghastrum nutans* (sun/lt shade)