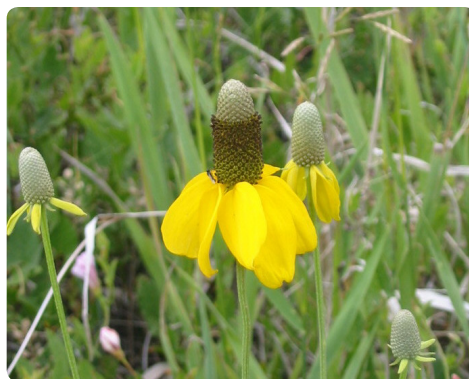
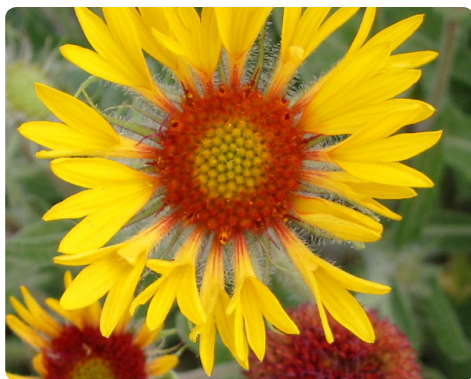


INFORMATION AND RESOURCES



commercially
available

PLANTS

Comprehensive list of native plants, including grasses, wildflowers, shrubs and trees. Download here: fcgov.com/naturalareas/native-plants

TIPS for establishing native seeds

For tips on establishing native seeds, please visit the City of Fort Collins Natural Areas website: fcgov.com/naturalareas/native-plants

native plant GARDEN

To see a variety of native plants in the urban landscape, visit the Nix Native Garden, located at City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Department offices: 1745 Hoffman Mill Rd. Fort Collins, CO 80524



LEARN about native plants

To learn more about native plants CSU Native Plant Master Program: larimer.extension.colostate.edu/native-plant-master-program-larimer-county/ Colorado Native Plant Society: conps.org

smithsonian study BIRDS

Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center bird study: smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/ecologists-have-simple-request-homeownersplant-native-180970655/

identify noxious WEEDS

To learn more about the Colorado Noxious Weed List: colorado.gov/pacific/agconservation/noxious-weed-species

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critical **NATIVE PLANTS** for Larimer County invertebrates

Common Name	Species Name	Growth Form	Flowering Period	Flower Color	Benefits (Adult)	Benefits (Larval)
annual sunflower	<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Herbaceous	June-October	yellow and brown	16 bees, 5 bumblebees, 27 butterflies	7 butterflies
antelope bitterbrush	<i>Purshia tridentata</i>	Shrub	April-July	yellow	37 bees, 2 butterflies	7 butterflies
baby goldenrod	<i>Solidago nana</i>	Herbaceous	July-September	yellow	52 bees, 1 bumblebees, 45 butterflies	9 butterflies
big bluestem	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	Grass	July-September	yellow		16 butterflies
blackeyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> var. <i>pulcherrima</i>	Herbaceous	June-September	yellow/ black	12 bees, 1 bumblebee, 29 butterflies	8 butterflies
blue grama	<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>	Grass	July-October	not showy		22 butterflies
buffalograss	<i>Buchloë dactyloides</i>	Grass	May-July	not showy		14 butterflies
chokecherry	<i>Prunus virginiana</i> var. <i>melanocarpa</i>	Shrub/ Tree	April-June	white	1 bee, 4 butterflies	14 butterflies
dotted gayfeather	<i>Liatris punctata</i>	Herbaceous	August-October	pink	19 bees, 27 butterflies	7 butterflies
Fendler's ceanothus	<i>Ceanothus fendleri</i>	Shrub	June-August	white	1 bumblebee, 4 butterflies	10 butterflies
firecracker penstemon	<i>Penstemon eatonii</i>	Herbaceous	May-June	red	10 bees, 8 bumblebees, 1 butterflies, hummingbirds	4 butterflies
leadplant	<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	Shrub/ Subshrub	June-August	violet-purple	1 bees, 10 butterflies	18 butterflies
little bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> var. <i>scoparium</i>	Grass	July-September	red		17 butterflies
purple prairie clover	<i>Dalea purpurea</i>	Herbaceous/ Subshrub	May-August	purple	1 bees, 8 butterflies	19 butterflies
Rocky Mountain penstemon	<i>Penstemon strictus</i>	Herbaceous	June-August	deep blue	10 bees, 8 bumblebees, 1 butterflies	4 butterflies
rubber rabbitbrush	<i>Ericameria nauseosa</i> var. <i>gravolens</i>	Shrub/ Subshrub	July-October	yellow	13 bees, 5 bumblebees, 32 butterflies	7 butterflies
showy milkweed	<i>Asclepias speciosa</i>	Herbaceous	June-August	pink	1 bees, 29 butterflies	4 butterfly
skunkbrush	<i>Rhus trilobata</i> var. <i>trilobata</i>	Shrub	April-June	yellow	39 bees, 2 butterflies	
sulphur flower	<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i>	Herbaceous/ Subshrub	June-October	yellow, white or red	1 bee, 1 bumblebees, 10 butterflies	14 butterflies
Torrey's penstemon	<i>Penstemon barbatus</i> ssp. <i>torreyi</i>	Herbaceous	June-August	red	10 bees, 8 bumblebees, 1 butterflies, hummingbirds	4 butterflies

Note: The number of bee and butterfly species listed in the table are specific to Larimer County and require certain plant species for their survival. Many other “generalist” species use the plants on this list as well.

A word about cultivars - Cultivars are plants that are specifically bred for a certain traits like flower color. Sometimes these cultivars are not native even though they share the same scientific name. In order to get the best quality plant for bees and butterflies, purchase the straight native species.

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