

Establishing Pollinator Plantings Organically



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EQUIP Grant
Pollinator Habitat
\$585/acre

“Increased habitat for pollinators will improve fruit set, size and quality, productivity per acre, biodiversity, beneficial insect populations and the food base for many wildlife species....reducing the need for pesticides” NRCS





























Benefits noticed
Improved fruit set
Increase in fruit size
Increase in fruit quantity
Increased fruit quality
Reduction in pest populations

Cost for .2/acre - \$400

Seed; Ernst, Eden Brothers - \$116

Earthway Seeder; Nolts \$102

Straw Mulch; \$7/bale – 20 bales \$140

Labor; 4 hours

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NORTHEASTERN POLLINATOR CONSERVATION SEED MIX

A native seed mix specially designed to provide foraging and nesting resources for a diversity of pollinators

- ◆ Approximately 15 species of perennial wildflowers that provide high quality sources of pollen and/or nectar
- ◆ Includes a native bunch grass that provides nesting habitat for bumble bees and other beneficial insects
- ◆ Appropriate for habitat restoration in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, northern New York, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont
- ◆ Available in 1/2 or 1-acre quantities

Available from Ernst Conservation Seeds

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Ernst Conservation Seeds produces and supplies native plant seed for use in restoration, reclamation, conservation, and wildlife habitat enhancement.

Common Name	Botanical Name	Cultivar/Ecotype	Percent of Mix*
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Anise hyssop	<i>Agastache foeniculum</i>	Commercial	9.68%
Arrow leaf aster	<i>Symphotrichum sagittifolius</i>	PA	0.31%
Bigleaf lupine	<i>Lupinus polyphyllus</i>	Commercial	11.46%
Blue false indigo	<i>Baptisia australis</i>	Southern WV	1.45%
Boneset	<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	PA	0.39%
Common monarch flower	<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	PA	3.11%
Lanceleaf coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Coastal Plain NC	14.78%
Maximilian's sunflower	<i>Helianthus maximilianii</i>	Commercial	2.18%
Meadow bottle gentian	<i>Gentiana clausa</i>	PA	0.07%
New England aster	<i>Symphotrichum novae-angliae</i>	PA	0.22%
New York ironweed	<i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i>	PA	0.03%
Ohio spiderwort	<i>Tradescantia ohioensis</i>	PA	0.5%
Partridge pea	<i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i>	PA	10.05%
Showy goldenrod	<i>Solidago speciosa</i>	Southern WV	0.16%
Slender mountainmint	<i>Pycnanthemum tenuifolium</i>	Commercial	0.62%
Tall white beardtongue	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Commercial	5.99%
Wild bergamot	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Commercial	2.05%
GRASS			
Little bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	'Camper'	36.95%

Recommended seeding rate: at least 7.2 bulk pounds per acre.

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Plant Enhancement Activity – PLT01 – Establish pollinator habitat



Enhancement Description

Seed nectar and pollen producing plants in non-cropped areas such as field borders, vegetative barriers, contour buffer strips, waterways, shelterbelts, windbreaks, conservation cover, and riparian forest and herbaceous buffers.

Land Use Applicability

Cropland, pastureland, rangeland and forestland

Benefits

Increased habitat for pollinators will improve fruit set, size and quality, productivity per acre, biodiversity, beneficial insect populations, and the food base for many wildlife species. The increased plant diversity of pollinator habitat will enhance wildlife habitat and may increase populations of other beneficial insects, reducing the need for pesticides.

Criteria

Pollinator habitat areas must be at least ½ acre in size for each 40 acres of cropland, pastureland, rangeland or forest land. Where the applicable land use is greater than 40 acres, the 0.5 acre habitat areas must be interspersed in the larger land use areas. For example, for an 80 acre cropland parcel, the required 1 acre of habitat should not be located in one corner of the 80 acre