



# Wildflowers for New England Meadows and Pollinator Plantings

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Perennial Wildflowers <sup>a</sup>	Common Name	Photo key	Bloom Period						Flower Color	Height (maximum)	Site <sup>b</sup>		Best Use <sup>c</sup>			NE Native <sup>d</sup> ?
			May	June	July	August	Sept.	October			Sun/Shade	Soil/Moisture	Garden Use	Meadow from Seed	Meadow from Plugs	
<i>Agastache foeniculum</i>	Lavender Hyssop	1			X	X	X	purple	3'	S PS	M-D	x	x		n	
<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Red Columbine	2	X	X				red	3'	PS Sh	M-D	x		x	y	
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp (Red) Milkweed			X	X	X		pink	5'	S PS	M-W	x	x	x	y	
<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	Common Milkweed				X	X		pink-purple	5'	S PS	M-D	x	x	x	y	
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly milkweed	3		X	X	X		orange	2'	S	M-D	x		x	y	
<i>Baptisia australis</i>	Blue Wild Indigo		X	X	X			blue	3'	S PS	M	x			n	
<i>Baptisia tinctoria</i>	Yellow Wild Indigo				X	X		yellow	3'	S	M-D	x			y	
<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Lanceleaf Coreopsis	6		X	X			yellow	2'	S	M-D	x	x	x	n	
<i>Echinacea pallida</i>	Pale Purple Coneflower			X	X			pink	4'	S	M-D	x	x	x	n	
<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	Purple Coneflower	7			X	X		purple	4'	S PS	M-D	x	x	x	n	
<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	Boneset				X	X		white	4'	S PS	M-W	x			y	
<i>Eutrochium purpureum</i>	Sweet Joe Pye Weed	8			X	X	X	pink	6'	S PS	M-W	x		x	y	
<i>Gentiana clausa</i>	Closed Gentian					X	X	blue	2'	PS Sh	Mo-W	x		x	y	
<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	Dogtooth daisy					X	X	yellow	5'	S PS	Mo-W	x			y	
<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	Oxeye Sunflower	9		X	X	X	X	yellow	6'	S	D-M-Mo	x	x	x	n	
<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Dense Blazing Star	10			X	X		purple	3'	S	M-Mo	x			n	
<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal Flower				X	X	X	red	4'	S PS	Mo-W	x		x	y	
<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	Great blue lobelia				X	X	X	blue	4'	S PS	M-Mo	x		x	y	
<i>Lupinus perennis</i>	Sundial Lupine	11	X	X	X			blue-purple	2'	S PS	D	x			y	
<i>Monarda punctata</i>	Spotted beebalm				X	X	X	lav-white	2'	S	D		x		n	
<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Wild Bergamot				X	X	X	lavendar	4'	S PS	D-M-Mo	x	x	x	y	
<i>Oligoneuron rigidum</i>	Stiff Goldenrod	14				X	X	yellow	4'	S PS	M-D	x	x	x	y	
<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Foxglove Beardtongue	12		X	X			white	4'	S PS	M-Mo	x	x	x	y	
<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>	Virginia Mountain Mint				X	X	X	white	3'	S PS	M-Mo	x			y	
<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	Yellow Coneflower				X	X	X	yellow	5'	S	D-M-Mo	x	x	x	n	
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black Eyed Susan	13		X	X	X	X	yellow	2'	S PS	D-M-Mo	x	x	x	n	
<i>Senna hebecarpa</i>	American Senna	5			X	X		yellow	5'	S	M-Mo	x		x	y	
<i>Solidago juncea</i>	Early Goldenrod					X	X	yellow	5'	S PS	D-M-Mo	x	x	x	y	
<i>Solidago speciosa</i>	Showy Goldenrod					X	X	yellow	5'	S PS	Mo	x	x	x	y	
<i>Symphyotrichum laeve</i>	Smooth Blue Aster					X	X	X	blue	4'	S	M-D	x	x	x	y

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<i>Symphotrichum novae angliae</i>	New England Aster	4				X	X	X	purple	5'	S PS	M-Mo	x	x	x	y
<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>	Ohio Spiderwort		X	X	X				blue	3'	S PS	M-D	x			y
<i>Verbena hastata</i>	Blue Vervain	15		X	X	X			blue	5'	S	M-Mo-W	x	x		y
<i>Vernonia noveboriensis</i>	New York Ironweed				X	X			purple	6'	S	M-Mo-W	x			y
<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	Culver's Root			X	X				white	6'	S PS	M-Mo	x			y
<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Golden Alexanders		X	X					yellow	3'	S PS	M-Mo-W	x	x		y

Grasses																
<i>Elymus canadensis</i>	Canada Wildrye	16		X	X	X				3'	S PS	Mo		x		y
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem			X	X	X	X			3'	S PS	Mo-M-D	x	x	x	y
<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Indian Grass				X	X	X			6'	S PS Sh	Mo-M-D	x	x	x	y
<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Prarie Dropseed			X	X	X				2'	S	D	x			y

#### Footnotes

a This list includes species that have performed well in our pollinator habitat and meadow trials at UNH in Durham, NH and elsewhere. Flowering times and plant heights will vary by site, age and density of planting. For more information, please visit our webpage

<http://extension.unh.edu/Sustainable-Landscapes-and-Turf/Wildflower-Meadows>

b Site key: S - full sun PS - partial sun Sh- Shade tolerant; D - dry M - medium Mo - moist W - wet

c Best use indicates likelihood of success starting from seed or transplants (more expensive) in a mixed meadow planting, or if a plant is suited for garden culture.

d All of the plants listed are either native (marked y for yes) or widely distributed in New England. For more information, consult Go Botany at <https://gobotany.newenglandwild.org/>



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