



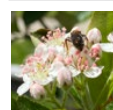
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# Starter Plant List for



**DRY SOIL**  
**FULL SUN**

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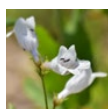
## Black Chokeberry

Aronia melanocarpa

○ White Bloom  
Early

↔ 3–6 ft  
↓ 4–6 ft

Early blooming shrub. Named cultivars provide the same floral resources for pollinators and larger berries for you and the birds.



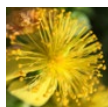
## Foxglove Beardtongue

Penstemon digitalis

○ White Bloom  
Early-Mid

↔ 1.5 ft  
↓ 1–3 ft

Nectar source for long-tongued bees, sphinx moths, and hummingbirds. Host plant for several moth species. Allow it to reseed.



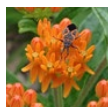
## Shrubby St. John's-wort

Hypericum sp: H. prolificum or H. kalmianum

● Yellow Bloom  
Mid-Late

↔ 3–4 ft  
↓ 4 ft

Small shrub. Important midseason pollen source for bumblebees. Native to sandy areas of NY and NJ. H. prolificum is a vigorous seeder.



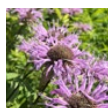
## Butterfly Milkweed

Asclepias tuberosa

● Orange Bloom  
Mid

↔ 1–2 ft  
↓ 1–2 ft

Clumping milkweed. Needs patches of bare soil to reseed. Host plant for Monarch butterflies and milkweed leaf beetles.



## Wild Bergamot

Monarda fistulosa

● Pink or Lavender Bloom  
Mid

↔ 1.5 ft  
↓ 2–3 ft

Slower spreading species of bee balm. Provides nectar for long-tongued bumblebees, butterflies, moths, wasps, flies and beetles.



## Mountain Mint

Pycnanthemum sp: any mountain mint species, **except** P. virginianum which prefers moister soils.

○ White Bloom  
Mid-Late

↔ 2 ft  
↓ 1.5–2.5 ft

Slowly spreads. Fragrant foliage. Many weeks of floral resources for multiple insects; a golden digger wasp favorite. Lightly reseeds.



## Giant Hyssop

Agastache sp: A. scrophulariifolia or A. foeniculum

● Purple Bloom  
Mid-Late

↔ 1.5–2 ft  
↓ 3–6 ft

A long bloom season for multiple pollinators. Needs bare soil to reseed. A. scrophulariifolia is a rare VT native.



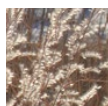
## Hyssop Leaved Boneset

Eupatorium hyssopifolium

○ White Bloom  
Mid-Late

↔ 1.5–2 ft  
↓ 2–3 ft

A southern New England native for dry sandy soils with weeks of late season floral resources. Self seeds.



## Little Bluestem Grass

Schizachyrium scoparium

○ White Tufts  
Late

↔ 1–2 ft  
↓ 1–3 ft

Host plant for skipper butterflies and protected winter habitat for next year's bumble bees under its "skirts". Lovely rosy winter color.



## Smooth Aster

Symphyotrichum laeve

● Blue Bloom  
Late

↔ 1–2 ft  
↓ 2–4 ft

Important nectar source for migrating Monarchs and next year's bumble bee queens pre-hibernation.