

RVCC's Pollinator-Friendly Native Plant List

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The plants listed below are pollinator-friendly and most are deer resistant. Rutgers University's deer resistance score is listed for those plants for which it is available. (See <https://njaes.rutgers.edu/deerresistance/> for the full list. "A" is the most deer resistant).

Jersey-Friendly Yards has a great new web site <http://www.JerseyYards.org> that enables searching for pollinator-friendly plants, and filtering them by region, plant type, deer resistance, and growing conditions. Compiling recommendations from Jersey-Friendly Yards and other sources, we have the following pollinator-friendly plant list. Click on the Latin name for more information about each plant.

Latin name	common name	Rutgers deer resistance score
<u><i>Agastache scrophulariifolia</i></u>	Purple Giant Hyssop	A
<u><i>Ageratina altissima</i></u>	White Snakeroot	
<u><i>Allium cernuum</i></u>	Nodding Onion	A
<u><i>Anemone quinquefolia</i></u>	Wood Anemone, Wood Windflower	
<u><i>Asclepias incarnata</i></u>	Swamp Milkweed	B
<u><i>Asclepias syriaca</i></u>	Common Milkweed	
<u><i>Asclepias tuberosa</i></u>	Butterfly Milkweed	
<u><i>Baptisia australis</i></u>	Blue False Indigo	A
<u><i>Baptisia tinctoria</i></u>	Horseflyweed, Yellow Wild Indigo	(A)
<u><i>Ceanothus americanus</i></u>	New Jersey Tea, Redroot	
<u><i>Cercis canadensis</i></u>	Eastern Redbud	C
<u><i>Claytonia virginica</i></u>	Spring Beauty, Virginia Springbeauty	
<u><i>Coreopsis verticillata</i></u>	Threadleaf Coreopsis	A
<u><i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i></u>	Common Boneset	(B?)
<u><i>Eutrochium fistulosum</i></u>	Trumpetweed, Joe-Pye Weed	
<u><i>Eutrochium purpureum</i></u>	Joe-Pye Weed, Sweetscented Joe-Pye Weed	
<u><i>Geranium maculatum</i></u>	Spotted Geranium, Wild Geranium, Crane's Bill	(B/C?)
<u><i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i></u>	False Sunflower	

<u><i>Ilex opaca</i></u>	American Holly	A
<u><i>Ilex verticillata</i></u>	Winterberry	B
<u><i>Iris versicolor</i></u>	Blue-flag Iris	A
<u><i>Itea virginica</i></u>	Virginia Sweetspire	B
<u><i>Kalmia angustifolia</i></u>	Sheep Laurel	(C?)
<u><i>Liatris spicata</i></u>	Blazing Star	B
<u><i>Lobelia cardinalis</i></u>	Cardinal Flower	B
<u><i>Lobelia siphilicata</i></u>	Blue Lobelia	B
<u><i>Mimulus ringens</i></u>	Monkey Flower	
<u><i>Monarda fistulosa</i></u>	Wild Bergamot, Beebalm	(B?)
<u><i>Monarda punctata</i></u>	Spotted Beebalm, Spotted Horsemint, Dotted Horsemint	(B?)
<u><i>Nyssa sylvatica</i></u>	Blackgum, Tupelo, Sourgum	
<u><i>Pycnanthemum incanum</i></u>	Hoary Mountain Mint	
<u><i>Rhus aromatica</i></u>	Fragrant Sumac	A
<u><i>Sambucus racemosa</i></u>	Red Elderberry	A
<i>Solidago spp.</i>	Goldenrod	B
<u><i>Symphotrichium novae-angliae</i></u>	New England Aster	
<u><i>Symphotrichium novi-belgii</i></u>	New York Aster	
<u><i>Vaccinium angustifolium</i></u>	Lowbush Blueberry	(C?)
<u><i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i></u>	Highbush Blueberry	C
<u><i>Verbena hastata</i></u>	Blue Vervain	(B?)
<u><i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i></u>	New York Ironweed	
<u><i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i></u>	Culver's Root	
<u><i>Viburnum dentatum</i></u>	Arrowwood Viburnum	A
<u><i>Viburnum prunifolium</i></u>	Blackhaw Viburnum	B