There is an intimate relationship between plants and insects that evolve over time.

This document provides an overview of some of the pollinators you may want to attract to your garden.

Please note that not all pollinators are flashy and although most of us love butterflies and are familiar with the role of bees, these insects are not the only insects responsible for pollination.

Mourning Cloak

Grow: willow, poplar, elm, birch





Giant Swallowtail

Grow: legumes





Baltimore Checkerspot

Grow: viburnum





Eastern Tiger Swallowtail

Grow: cherry, tulip trees









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Black Swallowtail

Grow: carrot, fennel, dill, parsley, celery





Silvery Blue

Grow: vetch, legumes





Painted Lady

Grow: daisy family, legumes





Clouded Sulphur

Grow: alfalfa, clover, vetch





Red Admiral

Grow: nettles





Northern Pearly Eye

Grow: grasses





Monarch
Grow: milkweed





Hickory Tussock Moth
Grow: hickory, ash, elm, oak, willow







Cecropia
Grow: apple, ash, cherry, willow, poplar









Pandorus Sphinx

Grow: grape, Virginia creeper





Hag Moth or Monkey Slug
Grow: apple, birch, cherry, dogwood





Giant Leopard
Grow: cherry oak, sunflower, violet



Flower Fly Firefly
Flower Generalist Grass Generalist





Generalist Beneficial Pollinators

Hairy Flower Scarab



Half-black Bumble Bee



Pollen Beetle



Two-spotted Bumble Bee



Dung Beetle



Transverse Flower Fly



Bee Fly



Bee Mimic Flower-Scarab

