



Native Flowers of the St. Lawrence Lowlands Guide

A seasonal guide to native flowering plants that provide important resources for pollinators of the St. Lawrence Lowlands

Native flowers of the St. Lawrence Lowlands are beautiful and integral species which thrive in a variety of habitats. Want a resilient garden that blooms all year long? No problem! Check out this guide to discover the right combinations of species for a garden that flowers from March all the way to October! Many of the species in this guide can be purchased locally as seeds or young plants and make valuable additions to any landscape for wildlife and biodiverse ecosystems!

Please note: before purchasing any plants, research their growing requirements (sun, soil, habitat, etc). Some species in this list are very sensitive, such as orchids, and should not be commercially available or removed from the wild.



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1	<i>Taraxacum ceratophorum</i>	Horned dandelion	bees	darkest green	darkest green	yellow	yellow	yellow	yellow	yellow	yellow
2	<i>Podophyllum peltatum</i>	Mayapple	bees, beetles	darkest green	darkest green	darkest green	white	white	white	white	white
3	<i>Symplocarpus foetidus</i>	Eastern skunk- cabbage	beetles, flower flies	white	white	white	yellow	yellow	yellow	yellow	yellow
4	<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>	Heartleaf Foamflower	bees, flower flies, moths	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white
5	<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Marsh marigold	butterflies	white	white	white	white	white	yellow	yellow	yellow
6	<i>Rhododendron groenlandicum</i>	Bog labrador tea	bees, butterflies	white	white	white	white	white	white	white	white
7	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Red columbine	bees, hummingbirds, moths	white	white	white	white	green	yellow	yellow	yellow
8	<i>Cypripedium parviflorum var. pubescens</i>	Large yellow ladyslipper	bees, beetles, flower flies	white	white	white	white	green	yellow	white	white
9	<i>Clintonia borealis</i>	Blue-bead lily	bees	white	white	white	white	green	yellow	yellow	yellow
10	<i>Andromeda polifolia</i>	Bog rosemary	bees, flower flies	white	white	white	white	green	white	white	white
11	<i>Epigaea repens</i>	Trailing arbutus	butterflies	white	white	white	white	green	white	white	white



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12	<i>Maianthemum canadense</i>	Canada Mayflower	bees, flower flies								
13	<i>Saxifraga paniculata</i>	White mountain saxifrage	moths								
14	<i>Actaea rubra</i>	Red baneberry	bees, flower flies								
15	<i>Arenaria stricta</i>	Rock sandwort	bees, flower flies								
16	<i>Iris virginica</i> var. shrevei	Southern blue-flag iris	bees								
17	<i>Mertensia virginica</i>	Virginia bluebells	bees, butterflies, moths, hummingbirds								
18	<i>Sisyrinchium montanum</i>	Blue-eyed grass	bees								
19	<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Golden Alexanders	bees, flower flies								
20	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly milkweed	bees, butterflies, flower flies								
21	<i>Coptis groenlandica</i>	Threeleaf goldthread	bees, flower flies								
22	<i>Iris versicolor</i>	Northern blue-flag iris	bees, hummingbirds								



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23	<i>Kalmia angustifolia</i>	Sheep laurel	bees, butterflies								
24	<i>Mitella nuda</i>	Naked mitrewort	flower flies								
25	<i>Platanthera aquilonis</i>	Northern green orchid	beetles, flower flies								
26	<i>Corydalis sempervirens</i>	Pale corydalis	bees, butterflies								
27	<i>Erigeron annuus</i>	Eastern daisy fleabane	bees, butterflies								
28	<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Blazing star	bees, butterflies, hummingbirds								
29	<i>Moneses uniflora</i>	One-flowered pyrola	bees								
30	<i>Penstemon hirsutus</i>	Hairy beardtongue	bees								
31	<i>Apocynum androsaemifolium</i>	Spreading dogbane	bees, butterflies								
32	<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	Common milkweed	butterflies								
33	<i>Kalmia polifolia</i>	Bog laurel	bees								



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34	<i>Thalictrum pubescens</i>	Tall meadow-rue	bees, butterflies								
35	<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	Bluebell bellflower	hummingbirds								
36	<i>Monotropa uniflora</i>	Ghost pipe	bees								
37	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Swamp milkweed	butterflies, flower flies, hummingbirds								
38	<i>Impatiens pallida</i>	Pale jewelweed	bees								
39	<i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i>	Pearly everlasting	bees, butterflies								
40	<i>Chamerion angustifolium</i>	Fireweed	bees, butterflies, hummingbirds								
41	<i>Eupatorium maculatum</i>	Joe-pye weed	bees, butterflies								
42	<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	Sneezeweed	bees, butterflies, wasps, flower flies								
43	<i>Monarda didyma</i>	Scarlet bee balm	bees, butterflies, hummingbirds								
44	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Wild bergamot	bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, wasps								



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45	<i>Solidago ptarmicoides</i>	White flat-topped goldenrod	bees, butterflies, flower flies								
46	<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	False sunflower	bees, butterflies								
47	<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	Canada goldenrod	bees, butterflies								
48	<i>Solidago rugosa</i>	Common wrinkle-leaved goldenrod	bees, butterflies								
49	<i>Doellingeria umbellata</i>	Tall flat-topped white aster	bees, butterflies								
50	<i>Sympotrichum puniceum</i>	Purple-stemmed aster	bees, butterflies								
51	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal flower	bees, hummingbirds								
52	<i>Sympotrichum novae-angliae</i>	New England aster	bees, butterflies, flower flies								

Native flowers make colourful and beautiful additions to any garden; however, by planting these species your impact will go way beyond just aesthetics! Planting native flowers in your garden or restoration project helps to support populations of many vital pollinators such as beetles, bumblebees, butterflies, flower flies, moths, and hummingbirds! Without our pollinator friends, our food systems deteriorate, all of nature suffers and our world becomes dull. Thank you for supporting native flowers, pollinators and biodiversity!

