

COMMUNITY
WILDLIFE HABITAT

CONTAINER GARDENS

Tips for Growing Native Plants in Container Gardens

You can take action to create food and shelter for wildlife whether you have a massive yard or a small patio! When planting native plants in containers, consider the following tips for the best results:

- ▶ Plant natives - always take Latin name to the nursery
- ▶ Right plant-right place (sun or shade)
- ▶ Plant a diversity of plants blooming throughout the season
- ▶ Consider host plants
- ▶ Use native grass to add appeal
- ▶ Leave seed heads and stems over winter
- ▶ Protect pollinators from insecticides
- ▶ Bigger, deeper pots will provide stronger plants
- ▶ Daily watering in summer
- ▶ Organic potting soil for healthy plants
- ▶ No fertilizer for native plants
- ▶ Use leaf litter for mulch
- ▶ Learn how to overwinter pots

CONTAINER SIZES FOR PLANTING REFERENCE

SMALL POT: 12 inches

MEDIUM POT: 14 - 18 inches

LARGE POT: 18-24 inches



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CONTAINER GARDEN SPECIES FOR SUN

COMMON NAME	LATIN NAME	BLOOM SEASON	POT SIZE	TIPS
Chokeberry	<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>	Spring	Large	Berries for the birds
Meadowsweet	<i>Spirea alba</i> ; <i>Spirea tomentosa</i>	Summer	Large	Butterflies, Pollinators
Little bluestem	<i>Schizachryium scoparium</i>	Fall	Medium	Bird seed
Goldenrod	<i>Solidago</i> species	Fall	Medium to Large	Butterflies, Pollinators
Asters	<i>Symphotrichum oblongifolia</i>	Fall	Medium to Large	Butterflies, Pollinators
Coneflowers	<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i> ; <i>Echinacea</i>	Summer/ Fall	Medium	Butterflies, Pollinators, Bird Seed
Beardtongue	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	Spring	Medium	Butterflies, Pollinators, Hummingbirds
Butterfly weed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Summer	Medium	Butterflies, Pollinators
Joe pye weed	<i>Eutrochium dubium</i> 'little joe'	Summer	Medium to Large	Butterflies, Pollinators
Summersweet	<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	Summer	Large	Butterflies, Pollinators
Blue lobelia	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	Summer	Medium	Butterflies, Pollinators, Hummingbirds

CONTAINER GARDEN SPECIES FOR SHADE

COMMON NAME	LATIN NAME	BLOOM SEASON	POT SIZE	TIPS
Green and gold	<i>Chrysogonum virginianum</i>	Spring to Fall	Small	Butterflies, Pollinators, Bird Seed
Wild geranium	<i>Geranium maculatum</i>	Spring	Small	Butterflies, Pollinators
Columbine	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	Spring	Small	Hummingbirds
Wood asters	<i>S cordifolius</i> , <i>E divarticatus</i>	Fall	Medium	Butterflies, Pollinators
Stonecrop	<i>Sedum ternatum</i>	Spring	Small	Butterflies, Pollinators
Alum root	<i>Heuchera</i>	Summer	Medium	Butterflies, Pollinators
Wood phlox	<i>P divaricata</i> , <i>P stolonifera</i>	Spring	Medium	Butterflies, Pollinators