



Wisconsin Pollinators



Pollinator Plants for Ruby-Throated Hummingbirds

This guide features regional native plants for the Great Lakes that are highly attractive to pollinators and are well-suited to small-scale plantings in gardens, on business and school campuses, in urban greenspaces and farm field borders. These plants are particularly attractive to ruby-throated hummingbirds.

There's no question that hummingbirds make use of plant nectar--or the sugar water from your feeders--as a source of quick energy. But while they're visiting those flowers, they may also be gobbling up tiny insects and spiders--both excellent sources of protein. In fact, some authorities think of hummingbirds as insectivorous birds that happen to also eat plant nectar. Here's a list of nectar-producing plants that should attract them to your garden.

Common Name	Genus species
Agastache 'Firebird'	Agastache sp
Anise Sage	Salvia guaranitica
Beebalm	Monarda didyma
Bergamot	Monarda fistulosa
Butterfly Bush	Buddleia
Cardinal Flower	Lobelia cardinalis
Catawba Rhododendron	Rhododendron catawbiense
Columbine	Aquilegia canadensis
Coral Honeysuckle	Lonicera sempervirens
Indian Pink	Spigelia marilandica
Prairie Blazingstar	Liatris pycnostachia
Red Buckeye	Aesculus pavia
Trumpet Creeper	Campsis radicans

