

NATIVE PLANTS THAT ATTRACT BENEFICIAL INSECTS IN YOUR GARDEN

Latin Name, Common Name	Attracts:
<i>Aster</i> , Asters	Minute pirate bugs, parasitic wasps, damsel bugs, ladybugs, tachinid flies, soldier beetles
<i>Boltonia</i> , False Aster	Tachinid flies, soldier beetles, syrphid flies, minute pirate bugs, ladybugs, big-eyed bugs
<i>Coreopsis</i> , Coreopsis	Minute pirate bugs, parasitic wasps, soldier beetles, syrphid flies, lacewings and spiders
<i>Eupatorium</i> , Boneset, Joe-Pye Weed	Tachinid flies, parasitic wasps, minute pirate bugs, damsel bugs, ladybugs
<i>Helianthus</i> , Sunflower	Lacewings, big-eyed bugs, assassin bugs, spiders, predaceous stink bugs, minute pirate bugs, robber flies, soldier beetles and parasitoids of all sorts
<i>Heliopsis</i> , False or Ox-eye Sunflower	Soldier bugs, ladybugs, lacewings, parasitic wasps, tachinid flies, syrphid flies
<i>Monarda</i> , Horsemint, Wild Bergamot, Bee Balm	Large diversity of natural enemies, particularly late in the season
<i>Potentilla</i> , Cinquefoil	Ladybugs, syrphid flies, wasps, minute pirate bugs, parasitic wasps, green lacewings
<i>Pycnanthemum</i> , Mountain Mints	A 'magnet' for good bugs; my #1 choice!
<i>Ratibida</i> , Gray-headed Coneflower	Parasitic wasps, soldier beetles, ladybugs, tachinid flies, minute pirate bugs, spiders, syrphid flies, damsel bugs and lacewings
<i>Rudbeckia</i> , Susans	Syrphid flies, tachinid flies, soldier beetles, parasitic wasps
<i>Solidago</i> , Goldenrods	Soldier beetles, big-eyed bugs, minute pirate bugs, ladybugs, parasitic wasps, syrphid flies, damsel bugs, spiders, assassin bugs and more!
<i>Spiraea</i> , Meadowsweet, Steeplebush	Minute pirate bugs, parasitic wasps, assassin bugs, ladybugs, ground beetles, damsel bugs, more
<i>Verbena</i> , Vervains	Minute pirate bugs, parasitic wasps, damsel bugs, spiders, lacewings
<i>Veronicastrum</i> , Culver's Root	Parasitic wasps, syrphid flies, minute pirate bugs
<i>Zizia</i> , Golden Alexanders	Many predator and parasitoids

Landscape DIVERSITY (number of different plant species) and COMPLEXITY (assortment of growth habits and structures) are important for "good bugs".