



Veterans' Memorial Habitat Garden

550 Bunker Lake Blvd NW Andover, MN

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The perennials and shrubs listed on this set of slides provide either food, shelter, or breeding habitat for many native bees, birds, and butterflies.

We hope to educate and inspire others to incorporate habitat friendly plants in their own yards. Come take a stroll through the garden and enjoy watching the activity from all of the “Flyers who love Flowers.”

The annuals that are found in the garden or raised beds are not included on this list.

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All photos were taken by intern Ashley Horton of the plants within the Veteran's Memorial Habitat Garden unless otherwise noted.



Part 2

Plants for Sun/Shade

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Agastache 'Blue Fortune'

Giant Hyssop

Location in Garden: Zone 5

Bloom Time: July - September

Attracts: Butterflies

Preferred Soil: Medium

Preferred Sunlight: Full sun - Part shade

Height: 2 - 3'

Spread: 1.5 - 2'

GOOD TO KNOW

Fragrant foliage

Deer resistant

Good cut flowers

Occasional Problems: Crown and root rot, rust, powdery mildew, leaf spot

Remove spent flowers



Alchemilla mollis

Lady's Mantle

Location in Garden: Zone 3, 7

Bloom Time: June

Preferred Soil: Medium

Preferred Sunlight: Full sun - Part shade

Height: 1 - 1.5'

Spread: 1.5 - 2.5'

GOOD TO KNOW

Collects water droplets after rainfall

Medium maintenance

Tolerates heavy shade

Good cut and dried flowers

Occasional Problems: Abundant seed production

Remove spent flower stems to prevent self-seeding



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Amelanchier x grandiflora 'Autumn Brilliance' Serviceberry tree

Location in Garden: Zone 5

Bloom Time: April

Attracts: Birds

Preferred Soil: Medium

Preferred Sunlight: Full sun - Part shade

Height: 4 - 6'

Spread: 4 - 6'

GOOD TO KNOW

Low maintenance

Tolerates multiple soils

Turns yellow in Autumn

Edible berries

Occasional Problems: Root suckers, rust, leaf spot, fire blight, powdery mildew



Antennaria neglecta

Field pussytoes

MINNESOTA NATIVE

Location in Garden: Zone 5

Bloom Time: June

Attracts: Butterflies

Preferred Soil: Dry to Medium

Preferred Sunlight: Full sun - Part shade

Height: .5 - 1'

Spread: .5 - 1'

GOOD TO KNOW

Medium maintenance

Good for naturalizing

Drought resistant

Spreads to form dense colonies

Occasional Problems: Difficult to grow unless soil is dry and well drained

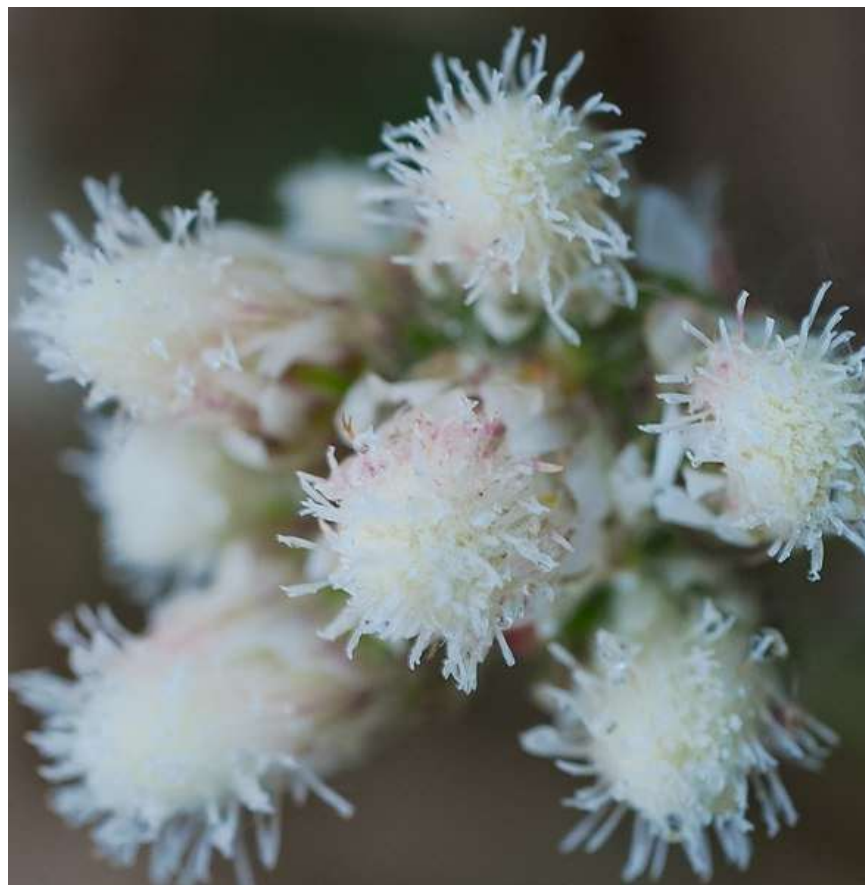


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Aquilegia canadensis

Red Columbine

MINNESOTA NATIVE

Location in Garden: Zone 3, 7, throughout

Bloom Time: April - May

Attracts: Hummingbirds

Preferred Soil: Medium

Preferred Sunlight: Full sun - Part shade

Height: 1 - 1.5'

Spread: 1 - 1.5'

GOOD TO KNOW

Good for naturalizing

Deer, rabbit, and drought resistant

Tolerates multiple soils

Good cut flowers

Occasional Problems: Leaf miner



Baptisia australis

Blue false indigo

Location in Garden: Zone 2, 4, 7

Bloom Time: May - June

Attracts: Butterflies

Preferred Soil: Dry to medium

Preferred Sunlight: Full sun - Part shade

Height: 3 - 4'

Spread: 3 - 4'

GOOD TO KNOW

Good for naturalizing

Rabbit and drought resistant

Ornamental seed pods →

Occasional Problems: Does not transplant well

Trimming after flowering prevents need for staking but eliminates seed pods



Centranthus ruber

Red valerian

Location in Garden: Zone 2

Bloom Time: June - August

Attracts: Butterflies

Preferred Soil: Medium

Preferred Sunlight: Full sun to part shade

Height: 1.5 - 3'

Spread: 1 - 2'

GOOD TO KNOW

Good for naturalizing

Good cut flowers

Fragrant leaves

Drought and erosion resistant

Remove spent flowerheads to encourage additional blooms and to prevent seeds

Occasional Problems: Freely self-seeds making it somewhat weedy, mealy bugs, aphids, crown rot in moist soils



Chelone lyonii 'TinyTortuga'

Pink turtlehead

Location in Garden: Zone 2

Bloom Time: July - September

Attracts: Butterflies

Preferred Soil: Medium to wet

Preferred Sunlight: Full sun -
Part shade

Height: 1.5 - 2.5'

Spread: 2 - 4'

GOOD TO KNOW

Good for naturalizing

Deer and wet soil resistant

Tolerates almost full shade

Unique cut flowers

Occasional Problems: Mildew



Echinacea purpurea

Purple coneflower

MINNESOTA NATIVE

Location in Garden: Zone 2, 5, 7

Bloom Time: June - August

Attracts: Birds, butterflies

Preferred Soil: Dry to medium

Preferred Sunlight: Full sun - Part shade

Height: 2 - 5'

Spread: .25 - 2'

GOOD TO KNOW

Low maintenance

Good for naturalizing

Deer and drought resistant

Tolerates multiple soils

Good cut flowers

Occasional Problems: Leaf spot, Japanese beetles, aster yellow disease



Eutrochium dubium 'Little Joe'

Joe Pye weed

Location in Garden: Zone 4

Bloom Time: July - September

Attracts: Butterflies

Preferred Soil: Medium to wet

Preferred Sunlight: Full sun - Part shade

Height: 3 - 4'

Spread: 1 - 3'

GOOD TO KNOW

Low maintenance

Deer and wet soil resistant

Fragrant flowers

Occasional Problems: Leaves may scorch in dry conditions

Cut to ground in late winter



Heuchera 'Firefly'

Coral bells

Location in Garden: Zone 3

Bloom Time: June

Attracts: Bees, butterflies,
hummingbirds

Preferred Soil: Medium

Preferred Sunlight: Full sun
-Part shade

Height: 1 - 2'

Spread: 1 - 1.5'

GOOD TO KNOW

Good for naturalizing

Remove spent flowerheads
to encourage additional
blooming



Heuchera richardsonii

MINNESOTA NATIVE

Prairie alumroot

Location in Garden: Zone 4

Bloom Time: May - July

Attracts: Butterflies,
hummingbirds

Preferred Soil: Dry to
medium

Preferred Sunlight: Full sun -
Part shade

Height: 1 - 2'

Spread: 1 - 1.5'

GOOD TO KNOW

Low maintenance

Drought resistant

Divide in spring



Hydrangea arborescens

Smooth hydrangea

Location in Garden: Zone 1

Bloom Time: June - September

Attracts: Butterflies, bees

Preferred Soil: Medium

Preferred Sunlight: Full sun - Part shade

Height: 3 - 5'

Spread: 3 - 5'

GOOD TO KNOW

Good for naturalizing

Rabbit and black walnut resistant

Good cut flowers

Tolerates multiple soils

Occasional Problems: Bud blight, bacterial wilt, rust, leaf spots, powdery mildew

Prune stems to ground in late winter to encourage hardy new growth



Hydrangea paniculata

Panicle hydrangea

Location in Garden: Zone 7

Bloom Time: July - September

Attracts: Bees, butterflies

Preferred Soil: Medium

Preferred Sunlight: Full sun - Part shade

Height: 8 - 15'

Spread: 6 - 12'

GOOD TO KNOW

Low maintenance

Good in urban conditions

Winter hardy

Good cut flowers

Prune in late winter to early spring



Hydrangea paniculata 'Strawberry Sundae'

Panicle hydrangea

Location in Garden: Zone 1, 3

Bloom Time: July - September

Attracts: Bees, butterflies

Preferred Soil: Medium

Preferred Sunlight: Full sun - Part shade

Height: 8 - 15'

Spread: 6 - 12'

GOOD TO KNOW

Low maintenance

Good in urban conditions

Winter hardy

Good cut flowers

Prune in late winter to early spring



Nepeta racemosa

Catmint

Location in Garden: Zone 1

Bloom Time: May - September

Attracts: Bees

Preferred Soil: Dry to medium

Preferred Sunlight: Full sun - Part shade

Height: 1 - 2'

Spread: 1.5 - 3

GOOD TO KNOW

Bumblebees love catmint

Low maintenance

Deer and drought resistant

Spreads slowly

Fragrant flowers and leaves

Cut back before first flowering to promote compact growth



Paeonia sp.

Peony

Location in Garden: Zone 7

Bloom Time: May - June

Attracts: Butterflies

Preferred Soil: Medium

Preferred Sunlight: Full sun -
Part shade

Height: 2 - 4'

Spread: 2 - 4'

GOOD TO KNOW

Deer and rabbit resistant

Attractive foliage

Good cut flowers

Occasional problems: Blight, thrips, mealybugs, powdery mildew. Ants are common but not harmful

Cut foliage back in fall if unsightly



Phlox paniculata

Garden phlox

MINNESOTA NATIVE

Location in Garden: Zone 7

Bloom Time: July - September

Attracts: Hummingbirds, butterflies

Preferred Soil: Medium

Preferred Sunlight: Full sun - Part shade

Height: 2 - 4'

Spread: 2 - 3'

GOOD TO KNOW

Deer resistant

Tolerates multiple soils

Good cut flowers

Occasional Problems: Phlox bugs, root rot, spider mites, powdery mildew

Remove spent flower stems



Phlox paniculata 'David'

Garden phlox

Location in Garden: Zone 7

Bloom Time: July - September

Attracts: Hummingbirds, butterflies

Preferred Soil: Medium

Preferred Sunlight: Full sun - Part shade

Height: 2 - 4'

Spread: 2 - 3'

GOOD TO KNOW

Deer resistant

Tolerates multiple soils

Good cut flowers

Occasional Problems: Phlox bugs, root rot, spider mites, powdery mildew

Remove spent flower stems



Physocarpus opulifolius 'Seward' MINNESOTA NATIVE

Summer wine ninebark

Location in Garden: Zone 2, 5

Bloom Time: May - June

Attracts: Butterflies

Preferred Soil: Dry to medium

Preferred Sunlight: Full sun - Part shade

Height: 4 - 6'

Spread: 4 - 6'

GOOD TO KNOW

Medium maintenance

Drought resistant

Winter interest

Colorful leaves

Occasional Problems: Fire blight, leaf spot

Prune after bloom and no later than mid-august as needed



Symphoricarpos x doorenbosii

Amethyst Coralberry

Location in Garden: Zone 2

Bloom Time: June - July

Attracts: Birds

Preferred Soil: Medium

Preferred Sunlight: Full sun -Part shade

Height: 3 - 5'

Spread: 3 - 5'

GOOD TO KNOW

Tends to sucker

Deer and erosion resistant

Tolerates multiple soils

Beautiful pink berries

Occasional Problems: Anthracnose, powdery mildew, scale, aphids

Prune in late winter to early spring



Tradescantia x andersoniana

Spiderwort

MINNESOTA NATIVE

Location in Garden: Zone 7

Bloom Time: May - July

Attracts: Butterflies

Preferred Soil: Medium to wet

Preferred Sunlight: Full sun - Part shade

Height: .75 - 1'

Spread: .75 - 1'

GOOD TO KNOW

Good to use for rain garden

Tolerates wet soil

Deadhead flowers after entire cluster blooms to encourage additional blooms

Divide clumps when they overcrowd

