

Pollinators rely on flowering plants to provide food in the form of pollen and nectar throughout the growing season. Plants that bloom early in the spring are particularly important for migratory pollinators that return to Guelph early in the growing season or resident pollinators that emerge at this time. After the abundance of summer, plants that bloom in the fall provide a valuable source of food and energy for pollinators preparing to over-winter here or to migrate to warmer places for the winter. Here are some examples of plants found in The Gosling Pollinator Gardens that offer bloom in spring, summer and fall, with brief notes on their bloom time and ideal growing conditions.

FOR BLOOMS THROUGHOUT THE GROWING SEASON

SPRING	EARLY SUMMER	MID- LATE SUMMER	EARLY-LATE FALL
American Pasqueflower <i>Anemone patens</i> Bloom: March-May Sun-Part Sun; Mesic-Dry Soil	Wild Columbine <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i> Bloom: May-July Part Sun; Mesic-Dry Soil	Butterfly Milkweed <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> Bloom: Mid June-Aug Sun; Mesic-Dry Soil	Bottle Gentian <i>Gentiana andrewsii</i> Bloom: Aug-Oct. Sun-Part Sun; Mesic-Wet Soil
Dutchman's Breeches <i>Dicentra cucullaria</i> Bloom: April-May Part Sun; Mesic Soil	Smooth Beard Tongue <i>Penstemon digitalis</i> Bloom: May-July Sun-Part Sun; Mesic Soil	Culver's Root <i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i> Bloom: July-mid-Aug. Sun-Part Sun; Mesic-Wet Soil	Zigzag Goldenrod <i>Solidago flexicaulis</i> Bloom: Mid Aug-Oct. Part Sun-Shade; Mesic-Dry Soil
Prairie Smoke <i>Geum triflorum</i> Bloom: May-June Sun; Mesic-Dry Soil	False Solomon's Seal <i>Maianthemum racemosum</i> Bloom: May-Jun Part Sun-Shade; Mesic-Dry Soil	Wild Bergamot <i>Monarda fistulosa</i> Bloom: July-Sept. Sun-Part Sun; Mesic-Dry Soil	Maximilian's Sunflower <i>Helianthus maximiliani</i> Bloom: Mid Aug-Mid Oct. Sun; Mesic-Dry Soil
Wild Geranium <i>Geranium maculatum</i> Bloom: April-June Part Sun-Shade; Mesic-Dry Soil	Prairie Cinquefoil <i>Potentilla arguta</i> Bloom: June-July Sun-Part Sun; Mesic-Dry Soil	Purple Coneflower <i>Echinacea purpurea</i> Bloom: July-Aug. Sun; Mesic Soil	New England Aster <i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i> Bloom: Aug-Oct. Sun-Part Sun; Wet-Mesic Soil
	Ohio Spiderwort <i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i> Bloom: May-July Sun-Part Sun; Mesic-Dry Soil	Black-eyed Susan <i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> Bloom: June-Sept. Sun; Mesic-Dry Soil	Stiff Goldenrod <i>Solidago rigida</i> Bloom: July-Oct. Sun-Part Sun; Mesic-Dry Soil
	Golden Alexanders <i>Zizia aurea</i> Bloom: May-July Sun-Part Sun; Mesic Soil	Harebell <i>Campanula rotundifolia</i> Bloom: June-Sept. Sun-Part Sun; Mesic-Dry Soil	Obedient Plant <i>Physostegia virginiana</i> Bloom: Aug-Oct. Sun-Part Sun; Moist-Mesic Soil
		Virginia Mountain Mint <i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i> Bloom: July-Sept. Sun-Part Sun; Wet-Mesic Soil	
		Great Blue Lobelia <i>Lobelia siphilitica</i> Bloom: Aug.-Sept. Sun-Part Sun; Wet-Mesic Soil	