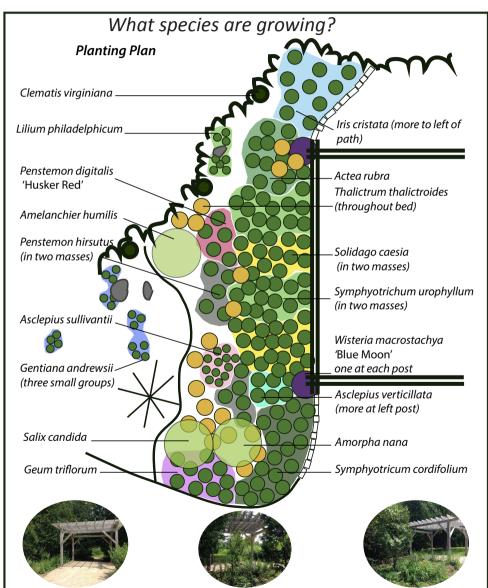


The new arbour and entrance planting of the Gosling Wildlife Gardens, funded and inspired by Pollination Guelph.





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In the fall of 2014, the installation of an arbour, donated by Pollination Guelph, at the entrance to The Arboretum's Pollinator Garden offered an opportunity to enhance the entrance plantings with shrubs and forbs that are native to eastern North America, with an emphasis on indigenous Ontario species.

The site serves as a natural transition point between the cultivated habitat of the Gosling Wildlife Gardens and the pollinator-supporting wilderness of meadow and forest in the surrounding Arboretum grounds.

Native species are rarely given an ornamental role, so we made our plant selections to not only increase biodiversity and support pollinators, but also showcase alternatives to the choices offered in the average garden centre. The result will provide a continous source of nectar and pollen from spring until autumn, and a food source for many pollinators in their larval stages.

The new plantings balance texture, colour, form and scent to attract humans and pollinators alike, while offering a sheltered, welcoming and functional gathering space for educational and interpretive activities.

Which pollinators are supported?

Latin Name	Common Name	Flower Time	Colour	Pollinators
Clematis virginiana	Virgin's Bower	July/August	white	Bees, flies
Lilium philadelphicum	Wood Lily	June/August	orange	Eastern tiger swallowtail, butterflies, bees
Penstemon digitalis 'Husker Red'	Husker Red Beardtongue	May/June	white/ maroon leaf	Bumble, digger and mason bees, butterflies
Amelanchier humilis	Low Serviceberry	May	white	Long tongued bees
Penstemon hirsutus	Hairy Beardtongue	May/June	lavender/pink	Bumble, digger and mason bees, butterflies
Gentiana andrewsii	Bottle Gentian	Sept/Oct	dark blue	Bees, flies
Asclepius sullivantii	Sullivant's Milkweed	June/July	pink	Bees, beetles, flies, butterflies, larval host
Salix candida	Sageleaf Willow	April/May	whitish leaf	Plasterer and andrenid bees, larval host
Geum triflorum	Prairie Smoke	May	pink/red	Bumble bees
Iris cristata	Dwarf Crested Iris	May	blue/lilac	Bumble and large carpenter bees, flies
Actea rubra	Red Bugbane	Flower-June / Berry -Aug	white flower, red berry	Bees, flies
Thalictrum (syn Anemonella) thalictroides	Rue Anenome	April/May	white	Bees, Syrphid flies, bee flies
Solidago caesia	Blue-Stemmed Goldenrod	August/Sept	yellow	Bumble, digger, leafcutter and sweat bees, butterflies, beetles
Symphyotrichum urophyllum	Arrowleaf Aster	August/Sept	white/ centre variable	Bees, butterflies, beetles
Wisteria macrostachya 'Blue Moon'	Blue Moon Kentucky Wisteria	June/August	lavender/blue	Hummingbird
Asclepius verticillata	Whorled Milkweed	July/Sept	green/white	Bees, wasps, moths, larval host
Amorpha nana Symphyotrichum cordifolium	Dwarf False Indigo Heartleaf Aster	May/July August/Sept	purple/orange blue/violet	Bees, butterflies Bees, butterflies, beetles

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