

Merrill Park Native Pollinator Garden

	Species	Common Name	Notes	Wildlife Value
	<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i> 'Wildfire'	Wildfire Tupelo	Brilliant orange, red, and yellow foliage in the fall.	Attracts 29 species of butterflies and moths in our area. The small, blue berries are very popular with fruit-eating birds and mammals. It also provides nutrition for bees in early to late spring.
	<i>Amelanchier laevis</i>	Serviceberry	White flowers early in the spring, dark red berry-like fruit in June.	Attracts 119 species of butterflies and moths. The fruit that ripens in June is loved by birds, attracting up to 16 different species of fruit-eating birds
	<i>Ilex verticillata</i> 'Red Sprite'	Red Sprite Winterberry	Small flowers bloom during the spring and early summer, followed by clusters of bright red berries that persist throughout the winter	Attracts pollinators and birds, attracting up to 18 different species of fruit-eating birds. The persistent berries provide valuable winter food for birds.
	<i>Ilex verticillata</i> 'Jim Dandy'	Jim Dandy Winterberry		Does not produce fruit, but is needed to pollinate the Red Sprite (female) Winterberry for its production of fruit
	<i>Ilex glabra</i> 'Densa'	Densa Inkeberry	Evergreen, glossy foliage	Attracts 35 species of butterflies and moths. Special value for honey bees.

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	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly Weed	Yellow-orange to bright orange flower clusters, 2-5 inches across, are at the top of the flowering stem	Its brilliant flowers attract up to 11 species of moths and butterflies, including the Monarch butterfly
	<i>Ceanothus americanus</i>	NJ Tea	Clusters of tiny white flowers in the summer.	A magnet for many species of flies, wasps, bees, and butterflies.
	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>	Shrubby cinquefoil	Long-blooming, showy yellow flowers	Very attractive to butterflies.
	<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	Prairie dropseed	Foliage turns golden with orange hues in fall, fading to light bronze in winter. Flowers have pink and brown tints, with a unique fragrance.	Provides nesting structure and materials for native bees.