

Seed A Legacy Program

Indiana Monarch Butterfly Mix

Spring 2021

Species	Scientific Name	Suggested Seeding Rates	PLS lbs per acre	PLS seeds per sq ft	% of Mixture PLS	Bloom Period	Pollinator Value
Big Bluestem, VNS	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	--	0.200	0.66	1.88%	--	--
Canada Wildrye	<i>Elymus canadensis</i>	--	0.400	1.05	2.96%	--	--
Little Bluestem, VNS	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	--	0.300	1.66	4.69%	--	--
Plains Oval Sedge	<i>Carex brevior</i>	0.01 - 0.05	0.040	0.60	1.69%	--	--
Prairie Junegrass	<i>Koeleria pyramidata</i>	--	0.020	1.06	3.01%	--	--
Sideoats Grama, Native Source	<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>	--	0.300	1.10	3.10%	--	--
Anise Hyssop	<i>Agastache foeniculum</i>	0.003 - 0.015	0.030	0.99	2.81%	3	5
Aromatic Aster	<i>Aster oblongifolius</i>	0.001 - 0.01	0.008	0.95	2.68%	3	5
Ashy Sunflower, Native Source	<i>Helianthus mollis</i>	0.01 - 0.04	0.020	0.09	0.26%	3	5
Blackeyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	0.01 - 0.1	0.035	1.27	3.58%	2	1
Blanketflower - G. aristata	<i>Gaillardia aristata</i>	0.04 - 0.2	0.200	0.86	2.42%	1	4
Blue Vervain, Native Source	<i>Verbena hastata</i>	0.008 - 0.03	0.030	1.04	2.93%	2	5
Butterfly Milkweed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	0.01 - 0.04	0.020	0.03	0.09%	2	5
Canada Goldenrod, Native Source	<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	0.001 - 0.005	0.004	0.65	1.84%	2	5
Canada Milkvetch	<i>Astragalus canadensis</i>	0.02 - 0.15	0.050	0.31	0.88%	2	4
Canada Tick-trefoil	<i>Desmodium canadense</i>	0.01 - 0.03	0.080	0.16	0.46%	2	5
Clasping Coneflower	<i>Rudbeckia amplexicaulis</i> or <i>Dracopis amplexicaulis</i>	0.01 - 0.05	0.040	1.47	4.16%	1	2
Common Evening Primrose	<i>Oenothera biennis</i>	0.005 - 0.04	0.035	1.11	3.13%	2	4
Common Milkweed	<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	0.03 - 0.08	0.050	0.09	0.27%	2	5
Culver's Root	<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	0.001 - 0.004	0.004	1.10	3.12%	3	4
Cup Plant, Native Source	<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>	0.01 - 0.05	0.020	0.03	0.08%	2	5
Deer Vetch, Native Source	<i>Acmispon americanus</i> or <i>Lotus unifoliolatus</i>	0.01 - 0.04	0.020	0.03	0.09%	3	4
Dotted Mint	<i>Monarda punctata</i>	0.008 - 0.015	0.030	1.01	2.87%	2	4
Entire-leaved Rosinweed, Native Source	<i>Silphium integrifolium</i>	0.01 - 0.04	0.020	0.02	0.04%	2	5
False Boneset	<i>Brickellia eupatorioides</i>	0.005 - 0.01	0.015	0.18	0.51%	3	3
False or Oxeye Sunflower	<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	0.03 - 0.09	0.100	0.24	0.68%	2	5
Foxglove Beardstongue, Native Source	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	0.01 - 0.03	0.020	0.18	0.52%	1	5
Golden Alexander	<i>Zizia aurea</i>	0.02 - 0.04	0.100	0.40	1.14%	1	5
Gray Goldenrod	<i>Solidago nemoralis</i>	0.001 - 0.005	0.006	0.14	0.39%	3	4
Grayhead Coneflower	<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	0.01 - 0.1	0.045	0.44	1.25%	2	4
Heath Aster	<i>Symphotrichum ericoides</i>	0.001 - 0.004	0.006	0.69	1.97%	3	5
Hoary Vervain, Native Source	<i>Verbena stricta</i>	0.01 - 0.06	0.025	0.34	0.95%	2	5
Illinois Bundleflower	<i>Desmanthus illinoensis</i>	0.05 - 0.25	0.300	0.59	1.66%	2	5
Ironweed	<i>Vernonia fasciculata</i>	0.02 - 0.06	0.020	0.18	0.50%	2	5
Lanceleaf Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	0.05 - 0.1	0.200	1.01	2.87%	2	4
Late or Giant Goldenrod, Native Source	<i>Solidago gigantea</i>	0.001 - 0.005	0.006	1.04	2.95%	3	5
Maximilian Sunflower	<i>Helianthus maximiliani</i>	0.01 - 0.05	0.040	0.18	0.51%	3	5
Missouri Goldenrod	<i>Solidago missouriensis</i>	0.001 - 0.007	0.006	0.87	2.46%	2	5
New England Aster	<i>Symphotrichum novae-angliae</i>	0.005 - 0.01	0.012	0.29	0.82%	3	5
Pale Purple Coneflower	<i>Echinacea pallida</i>	0.01 - 0.04	0.100	0.24	0.69%	2	5
Plains Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis tinctoria</i>	0.01 - 0.05	0.015	1.11	3.14%	2	2
Plains Sunflower	<i>Helianthus petiolaris</i>	0.01 - 0.05	0.030	0.08	0.22%	3	5
Purple Coneflower	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	0.05 - 0.2	0.200	0.53	1.50%	2	5
Purple Prairieclover, Native Source	<i>Dalea purpurea</i>	0.03 - 0.15	0.040	0.29	0.82%	2	5
Rough Gayfeather	<i>Liatris aspera</i>	0.01 - 0.03	0.016	0.10	0.29%	3	5
Rough Purple Gerardia, Native Source	<i>Agalinis aspera</i>	0.002 - 0.006	0.005	0.24	0.69%	2	4
Roundhead Lespedeza	<i>Lespedeza capitata</i>	0.02 - 0.05	0.020	0.08	0.23%	3	4
Sawtooth Sunflower	<i>Helianthus grosseserratus</i>	0.005 - 0.04	0.010	0.14	0.41%	3	5
Seed Box	<i>Ludwigia alternifolia</i>	0.001 - 0.006	0.003	1.43	4.06%	3	3
Shell-leaf Penstemon	<i>Penstemon grandiflorus</i>	0.01 - 0.04	0.020	0.10	0.28%	1	5
Showy Partridgepea	<i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i>	0.1 - 0.4	0.400	0.60	1.69%	2	5
Showy-wand Goldenrod	<i>Solidago speciosa</i>	0.001 - 0.008	0.008	0.79	2.23%	3	5
Skyblue Aster	<i>Symphotrichum oolentanqiense</i>	0.003 - 0.006	0.007	0.21	0.58%	3	5
Smooth Blue Aster	<i>Symphotrichum laeve</i>	0.005 - 0.02	0.018	0.42	1.19%	3	5
Stiff Goldenrod, Native Source	<i>Solidago rigida</i>	0.01 - 0.02	0.020	0.31	0.88%	3	5
Stiff Sunflower, Native Source	<i>Helianthus pauciflorus</i>	0.01 - 0.04	0.020	0.34	0.96%	2	4
Swamp Milkweed, Native Source	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	0.01 - 0.03	0.010	0.04	0.10%	2	5
Tall Boneset, Native Source	<i>Eupatorium altissimum</i>	0.006 - 0.025	0.008	0.15	0.42%	3	4
Tall Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis tripteris</i>	0.004 - 0.01	0.010	0.38	1.07%	2	3

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Thickspike Gayfeather	<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i>	0.01 - 0.05	0.010	0.03	0.08%	3	5
Tube Penstemon	<i>Penstemon tuiflorus</i>	0.01 - 0.03	0.020	0.18	0.52%	2	5
Upright Coneflower	<i>Ratibida columnifera</i>	0.02 - 0.08	0.035	0.59	1.68%	2	2
Western Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	0.01 - 0.05	0.025	1.64	4.63%	1	2
Wild Bergamot	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	0.01 - 0.03	0.035	1.02	2.89%	2	5
Wild Quinine	<i>Parthenium integrifolium</i>	0.01 - 0.08	0.050	0.13	0.36%	2	2
Wild Senna	<i>Senna hebecarpa</i>	0.04 - 0.08	0.100	0.05	0.15%	2	2
Rice Hulls - Filler for low planting rate mixtures		--	2.500	0.00	0.00%	--	--
Grasses Total:			1.260	6.121	17.33%		
Wildflower/Forb/Legume Total:			2.832	29.197	82.67%		
Filler Total:			2.500	0.000	0.00%		
Total Mixture:			6.592	35.318	100.00%		

Bloom Period	Wildflowers Used in Mixture	% PLS Seeding Rate of Mix
1 = April to May	6	13.16%
2 = June to July	32	42.82%
3 = August to October	22	26.69%
Total :	60	

 **4.32 Pollinator Value**

The Pollinator Value Score is determined based on a combination of factors that include:

- The pollen and/or nectar value of the plant species.
- Bee Integrated Program research results of pollinator pollen analysis
- Unique pollinator biological life histories of the plant species.
- The ability of the plant species to establish and persist in pollinator seeding mixtures.
- The total bloom period length of the plant species.
- The occurrence in early bloom periods (Bloom Period 1) that are hard to challenging to provide resources for.
- The commercial availability of the species for use in seeding mixtures.
- Value of the plant species pollen and nectar to commercial beekeepers.
- USGS Pollinator Library tool: <https://www.npwrc.usgs.gov/pollinator/home>
- The Ecoregional Revegetation Application tool: <http://www.nativevegetation.org/era/>
- Botanical and beekeeping reference materials that list the pollinator value of species.
- Field observations of floral resource use by pollinator species.