Beneficial Pollinators and the Plants That Attract Them

There is an intimate relationship between plants and insects that evolve over time. This document provides an overview of some of the pollinators you may want to attract to your garden. Please note that not all pollinators are flashy and although most of us love butterflies and are familiar with the role of bees, these insects are not the only insects responsible for pollination.

Mourning Cloak
Grow: willow, poplar, elm, birch

Baltimore Checkerspot
Grow: viburnum

Giant Swallowtail
Grow: legumes

Eastern Tiger Swallowtail
Grow: cherry, tulip trees
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- **Black Swallowtail**
  - Grow: carrot, fennel, dill, parsley, celery

- **Clouded Sulphur**
  - Grow: alfalfa, clover, vetch

- **Silvery Blue**
  - Grow: vetch, legumes

- **Red Admiral**
  - Grow: nettles

- **Painted Lady**
  - Grow: daisy family, legumes

- **Northern Pearly Eye**
  - Grow: grasses
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**Monarch**
Grow: milkweed

**Hummingbird Clearwing Month**
Grow: viburnum, cherry, hawthorn

**Hickory Tussock Moth**
Grow: hickory, ash, elm, oak, willow

**Cecropia**
Grow: apple, ash, cherry, willow, poplar
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**Pandorus Sphinx**  
Grow: grape, Virginia creeper

**Giant Leopard**  
Grow: cherry oak, sunflower, violet

**Hag Moth or Monkey Slug**  
Grow: apple, birch, cherry, dogwood

**Flower Fly**  
Flower Generalist  
Grass Generalist

**Firefly**
Generalist Beneficial Pollinators

- Hairy Flower Scarab
- Pollen Beetle
- Dung Beetle
- Bee Fly

- Half-black Bumble Bee
- Two-spotted Bumble Bee
- Transverse Flower Fly
- Bee Mimic Flower-Scarab