Pollinator Gardening  Seed and Plant Sources - Spring 2020

We are tentatively planning a pollinator plant sale at Valentine Farm in early June. We’ll let you know what will be available.

Here are some plant and seed sources:

When reading about seeds to purchase, make sure that they germinate under warm conditions (vs. needing a cold period to germinate.) Plan to purchase seeds of cold germinators in September to November after these companies have finished gathering and cleaning their seeds.

**Wildseed Project** in Portland, Maine is a non-profit working to promote the use of native plants that can benefit pollinators. They sell seeds at [https://shop.wildseedproject.net/](https://shop.wildseedproject.net/) They also have a list of plant sources on their website.

**Toadshade Wildflower Farm** is another favorite. They sell seeds and plants.
[https://www.toadshade.com/](https://www.toadshade.com/)

**Prairie Moon Nursery** in Minnesota offers seeds and plants for sale. Their website and growing guide are full of useful information. [https://www.prairiemoon.com/](https://www.prairiemoon.com/)

If you are looking for large numbers of plants, consider buying wholesale from a large nursery. We have good luck with **North Creek Nurseries** [https://www.northcreeknurseries.com/](https://www.northcreeknurseries.com/). Minimum order $300. They do not use neonicotinoids.

We buy seeds of annuals from: (look for organic seeds)

**Johnny’s Selected Seeds** [https://www.johnnyseeds.com/](https://www.johnnyseeds.com/)

**High Mowing Seeds** [https://www.highmowingseeds.com/](https://www.highmowingseeds.com/)

**Select Seeds** [https://www.selectseeds.com/](https://www.selectseeds.com/)

2 must-have annuals are **Tithonia (Mexican sunflower)** and **Brazilian Verbena (Verbena bonariensis)**. We hope to have both in our Valentine Farm plant sale (stay tuned for more info about this.) Some other annuals for bees, flies and butterflies: alyssum, nicotianas, salvias, and zinnias.

The best way to acquire seeds is to gather them. Stay tuned for late summer seed-gathering days at the pollinator garden. By the way, the 2 plants I mentioned in the video (attracts early queen bumblebees) are Corydalis solida and Corydalis malkensis (we will bring both to the sale.)