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Garden Checklist

In order to choose plants that will thrive in your garden and support the native pollinators you must:

- Decide whether you will design a shade garden or a sun garden. (ex. prairie or forest)
- Choose to create a container garden, in-ground garden, or a combination of the two.
- Consider the maintenance needs of each plant. Does your plant have roots that will invade all areas of the garden, wind-blown seeds that will spread, or other concerns for your garden or your neighbor’s yard?
- Try to have at least 4 different species of plants. Groupings of the same plant are preferred by pollinators.
- Make sure you provide both Host and Nectar plants.
- Make sure you have Nectar plants blooming the entire season – April/May through October.
- You may want to use some low-growing ground covers; make sure you have a variety of sizes of plants.
- Determine the amount of space each plant requires and provide that in your garden.
- Create your key. Define each plant in the key.
- Determine the value of each cm. square and place that in your key.
- Extras/Options/Possibilities: Mason bee homes; insect motel; a source for puddling or basking; sights for observing; (your choice?)