

Planting to Support Pollinators and Biodiversity

SUPPORTS BIODIVERSITY	BEST CHOICE: Wild-type or Straight Species Native Plants, either local ecotype or locally adapted to the New England region. GOOD CHOICE: Wild-type or Straight Native Species, originating outside our ecoregion.
	TAKE CAUTION IN CHOOSING: Native Cultivars (Nativars) - changes in color or form cannot provide the same ecological function as the Straight Species Native Plant.
REDUCES BIODIVERSITY	FOR HUMAN BENEFIT ONLY: Non-native ornamentals for decorative purposes. These plants have no environmental benefit. SHOULD NEVER BE PLANTED: Known or suspected exotic species as listed on the CT Invasive Plant List. These invasive plants are detrimental to the environment.

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