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# CONTAINER GARDENS

## Tips for Growing Native Plants in Container Gardens

*You can take action to create food and shelter for wildlife whether you have a massive yard or a small patio! When planting native plants in containers, consider the following tips for the best results:*

- ▶ Plant natives - always take Latin name to the nursery
- ▶ Right plant-right place (sun or shade)
- ▶ Plant a diversity of plants blooming throughout the season
- ▶ Consider host plants
- ▶ Use native grass to add appeal
- ▶ Leave seed heads and stems over winter
- ▶ Protect pollinators from insecticides
- ▶ Bigger, deeper pots will provide stronger plants
- ▶ Daily watering in summer
- ▶ Organic potting soil for healthy plants
- ▶ No fertilizer for native plants
- ▶ Use leaf litter for mulch
- ▶ Learn how to overwinter pots

### CONTAINER SIZES FOR PLANTING REFERENCE

SMALL POT: 12 inches

MEDIUM POT: 14 - 18 inches

LARGE POT: 18-24 inches



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# CONTAINER GARDEN SPECIES FOR SUN

COMMON NAME	LATIN NAME	BLOOM SEASON	POT SIZE	TIPS
Chokeberry	Aronia melanocarpa	Spring	Large	Berries for the birds
Meadowsweet	Spirea alba; Spirea tomentosa	Summer	Large	Butterflies, Pollinators
Little bluestem	Schizachryium scoparium	Fall	Medium	Bird seed
Goldenrod	Solidago species	Fall	Medium to Large	Butterflies, Pollinators
Asters	Symphotrichum oblongifolia	Fall	Medium to Large	Butterflies, Pollinators
Coneflowers	Rudbeckia fulgida; Echinacea	Summer/ Fall	Medium	Butterflies, Pollinators, Bird Seed
Beardtongue	Penstemon digitalis	Spring	Medium	Butterflies, Pollinators, Hummingbirds
Butterfly weed	Asclepias tuberosa	Summer	Medium	Butterflies, Pollinators
Joe pye weed	Eutrochium dubium 'little joe'	Summer	Medium to Large	Butterflies, Pollinators
Summerseet	Clethra alnifolia	Summer	Large	Butterflies, Pollinators
Blue lobelia	Lobelia siphilitica	Summer	Medium	Butterflies, Pollinators, Hummingbirds

# CONTAINER GARDEN SPECIES FOR SHADE

COMMON NAME	LATIN NAME	BLOOM SEASON	POT SIZE	TIPS
Green and gold	Chrysogonum virginianum	Spring to Fall	Small	Butterflies, Pollinators, Bird Seed
Wild geranium	Geranium maculatum	Spring	Small	Butterflies, Pollinators
Columbine	Aquilegia canadensis	Spring	Small	Hummingbirds
Wood asters	S cordifolius, E divarticatus	Fall	Medium	Butterflies, Pollinators
Stonecrop	Sedum ternatum	Spring	Small	Butterflies, Pollinators
Alum root	Heuchera	Summer	Medium	Butterflies, Pollinators
Wood phlox	P divaricata, P stolonifera	Spring	Medium	Butterflies, Pollinators