

11. *Asclepsia incarnata* – swamp milkweed
Fragrant mauve flowers in late summer.
Attractive 4" seed pods develop in autumn that split open to release silky-haired seeds.
Important food source for the larval stage of monarch butterfly. 4'-5' tall.

13. *Monarda didyma* 'Grand Parade'
– bee balm
Tubular magenta-purple flowers in late summer. 1.5' tall.

14. *Monarda didyma* 'Jacob Cline'
– bee balm
Tubular red flowers in late summer. 3' tall.

15. *Salvia x sylvestris* 'May Night' – sage
Tiny deep violet-blue tubular flowers on a stalk from late spring to early summer. Attracts hummingbirds. May rebloom if spent flowers are removed. 2' tall.

16. *Coreopsis verticillata* 'Zagreb'
– tickseed
Finely divided "thread-like" leaves topped with golden-yellow daisy-like ray flowers and a darker yellow center disk. Blooms late spring to late summer. 1.5' tall.

17. *Amsonia x 'Blue Ice'* – bluestar flower
Periwinkle blue flowers in late spring.
Attractive yellow fall foliage. 1' tall.

18. *Liatrix spicata* 'Alba' – blazing star
Fluffy white flower stalks that open from the top down. Attracts bees, butterflies and especially monarchs. 2' tall.

19. *Bellis perennis* – English daisy
Non-native plant with white ray flowers and a yellow center disk. Blooms late spring to summer. Plants may spread aggressively by crowns or self-seeding. 1' tall.

Pollinator Garden

The Pollinator Garden is located in front of the Knippenberg Educational Greenhouse.

The herbaceous plants in this garden are native (except for the English daisy) and hardy in NJ (USDA zones 6-7). The plants provide a habitat, nectar, pollen and/or seeds that many bees, butterflies and other insects need to survive and pollinate our food crops and wildflowers.

Most pollinator plants need six to eight hours of sun daily and not much fertilizer. We do a plant clean-up in April so pollinators can overwinter and feed on seeds and plants can reseed. We avoid pesticides.

Our Pollinator Garden is proud to be a "Monarch Waystation," certified by the University of Kansas, for providing food and shelter for monarch butterflies as they migrate through North America.



Hummingbird Moth on Bee Balm

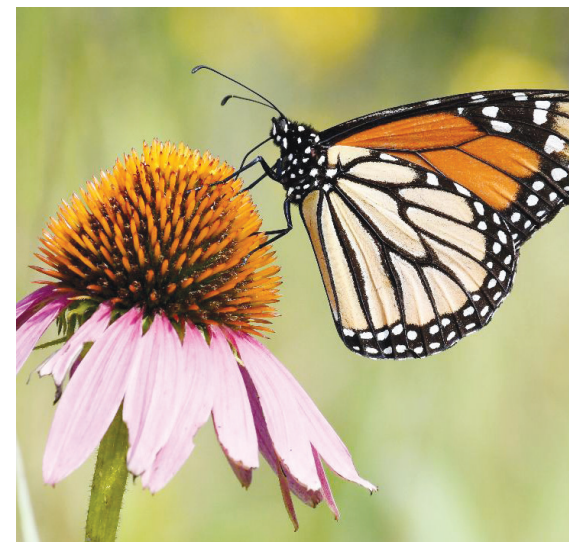
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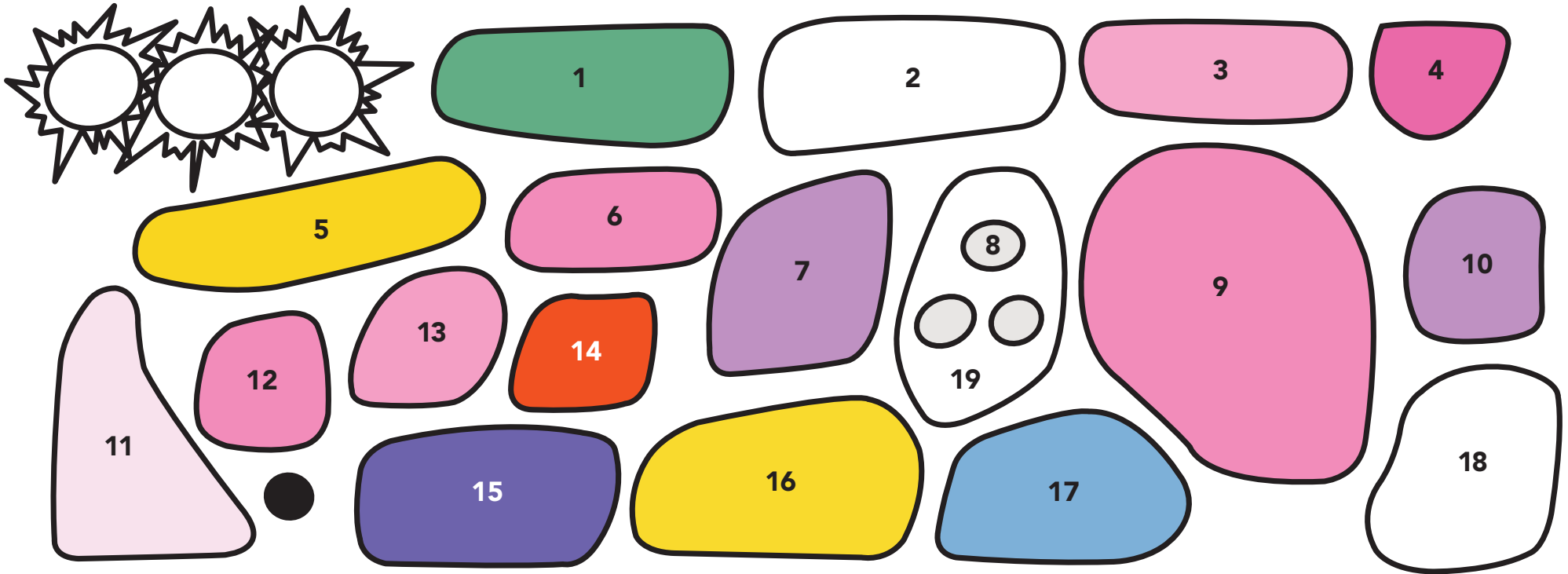


Monarch Butterfly on Purple Coneflower

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1. *Panicum virgatum* 'Heavy Metal' – switchgrass
Ornamental grass with blue-green stems and pink-tinged flower panicles in summer. Cover and nesting for birds and bees. Larval host for skipper butterflies. Seeds for birds. 4' tall.

2. *Echinacea purpurea* 'White Swan'
– coneflower
White petals and orange central cone in summer. Good fresh-cut or dried flower. 3' tall.

3. *Echinacea purpurea* 'Magnus'
– purple coneflower
Rosy purple petals and dark orange cone in summer. Another good fresh-cut or dried flower. 3' tall.

4. *Phlox paniculata* 'Nicky' – phlox
Fragrant pink-purple tubular flowers in late summer. 3' tall.

5. *Solidago canadensis* – goldenrod
Tiny yellow flowers in late summer. Nectar for monarch butterflies and others. Does not cause hayfever. 5' tall.

6. 9. and 12. *Monarda didyma* 'Petite Delight' – bee balm
Also called bergamot. Fragrant lavender-rose tubular flowers in summer. 1' tall.

7. *Liatis spicata* – blazing star
Fluffy red-purple flower stalks that open from the top down in summer. 3' tall.

8. *Eryngium yuccifolium*
– rattlesnake seaholly
Bristly-edged leaves and in summer-time globular greenish-white flowers that resemble thistles. 4' tall.

10. *Aster novi-belgii* – New York aster
Purple daisy-like flowers and a golden center in late summer. Nectar for monarch butterflies and others. 4' tall.