





#### 4. Bulbs and annuals:

- a. Bulbs look more natural if you create clumps or drifts.

#### 5. Herbs:

- a. Herbs can provide very valuable bridges between perennial blooms. Allow some of your herbs to flower, and you will be surprised who visits. Some are even hosts for butterflies- so don't get discouraged if your parsley disappears! Grow extra for the pollinators.

#### 6. Final tips:

- a. Repeating color looks more unified in a garden full of diverse plantings.
- b. When in doubt, add blue. The bees will thank you (its their favorite color).
- c. Winter provides a plethora of interesting opportunities to add color and texture, and feed wildlife. Look for berries (winterberry) color (red twig dogwood) and flowering (witch hazel).
- d. Shape and texture are also very interesting. Look at how things appear when they are not blooming- do they have interesting foliage (like native grasses) or bark (like shagbark hickory)?

#### Resources:

Natives to your area: Consider planting "Keystone" natives. These provide a significant opportunity to invite local fauna into your yard and potentially sustain threatened species.

- <https://www.nwf.org/NativePlantFinder>

#### Landscape design plans with native plants:

- <https://www.pollinator.org/pollinator-habitat-guides>
- <https://nativegardendesigns.wildones.org/>
- <https://extension.umd.edu/resource>

#### Get your garden on the map:

- [Homegrownnationalpark.org](http://Homegrownnationalpark.org)



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