

# Southborough Open Space Preservation Commission

## 2025 Second Round of Seeds for February 15th

IMAGE	SCIENTIFIC NAME/ COMMON NAME	PLANT TYPE	NECTAR OR POLLEN	SUN	SOIL	BLOOM TIME						BUMBLEBEE			
						Early			Mid		Late			B. fervid	B. vagans
						M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O		
	<i>Agastache scrophulariaefolia</i> Purple giant hyssop	Herb. Perenn	Nectar	Sun, Shade	Dry, Med, Wet									✓	✓
Photo by: Kirk Marshall															
	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i> Big Bluestem	Grass		Full- Part	Med, Wet										
4-8 ft tall, special value to native bees as it provides nesting materials and structure															
	<i>Antennaria plantaginifolia</i> Pussytoes	Herb. Perenn		Full- Part	Dry										
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	<i>Asclepias exaltata</i> Poke milkweed	Herb. Perenn	Nectar	Full- Part	Dry, Med										✓
3-4 ft tall, 12-24" spread, special value to bumble bees, other native bees, and milkweed specialists, attracts butterflies and hummingbirds, host for monarch butterfly caterpillars															
	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i> Swamp milkweed	Herb. Perenn	Nectar	Full- Part	Dry, Med										✓
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	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> Butterfly milkweed	Herb. Perenn	Nectar	Full- Part	Dry										✓
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	<i>Spiraea tomentosa</i> Steeplebush	Shrub	Pollen	Full-Part	Wet						✓	✓
Jude Griffin	2-3 ft tall, 24" spread, special value to native bees, attracts butterflies and birds, host for New England buck moth caterpillars											
	<i>Symphyotrichum lateriflorum</i> Calico Aster	Herb. Perenn	Nectar	Full-Part	Med, Wet, Dry							
Barnes Dr Thomas G, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	1-3 ft tall, 18-36" spread, special value to native bees, attracts butterflies, has a shorter nectar tube than other asters											
	<i>Zizia aperta</i> Heart leafed zizia	Herb. Perenn	Nectar and Pollen	Full-Part	Med				Yellow	Yellow		
S. and A. Wasoski	up to 3 ft tall											
	<i>Zizia aurea</i> Golden alexander	Herb. Perenn	Nectar and Pollen	Full-Part	Med				Yellow	Yellow		
Joyce Greenleaf	1-3 ft tall, 12-24" spread, special value to native bees, attracts butterflies, host for black swallowtail caterpillars											

\* Not on Dr. Gegear's Plant List

## Special Thanks To:

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Dr. Robert Gegear's complete plant list can be found at:

<https://gegearlab.weebly.com/plantlist.html>

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