## **Butterfly Weed**

(Asclepias tuberosa)



- Small, 1.5 2 ft tall perennial wildflower prized for its large, flat-topped clusters of bright orange flowers
- Attracts a wide variety of pollinators and is a host plant for the monarch butterfly
- Bloom time: Jun, Jul, Aug
- Prefers dry moist soils and requires full fun
- High drought tolerance

### **Dense Blazing Star**

(Liatris spicata)



- This sleder perennial reaches a height of 2-6 ft., and contains purple, tufted flower heads arranged in a long, dense spike blooming from the top down
- Very attractive to butterflies and bees
- Bloom time: Jul, Aug, Sep
- Full sun
- Moist soils

#### **Great Blue Lobelia**

(Lobelia siphilitica)



- This showy perennial, with 2-5 ft., stems, produce lavender-blue, tubular flowers crowded together on the upper stem.
- Attractive to pollinators
- Bloom time: Jul, Aug, Sep
- · Full sun, part-shade, shade
- Moist to wet soils

## **New England Aster**

(Symphyotrichum novae-angliae)



- New England Aster is a large and showy perennial growing up to 6ft tall (mid-season pruning can reduce the height to 3-4 ft)
- Extremely important late summer/early fall nectar sourse for pollinators, as well as migrating species like the monarch butterly
- · Bloom time: Aug, Sep, Oct,
- Full sun to part-shade
- Moist soils

### **Purple Coneflower**

(Echinacea purpurea)



- A popular perennial with smooth, 2-4 ft stems and long-lasting, lavendar flowers
- The flowers are attractive to pollinators and in the fall the flower seed heads become a popular food source for seed-eating birds like goldfinches
- Bloom time: May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep
- Full sun to part-shade
- Dry to moist soils

#### Scarlet Beebalm

(Monarda didyma)



- Scarlet beebalm is a popular perennial with scarlet-red flowers in terminal tufts. The 3 ft. stems are lined with large, oval, dark-green leaves
- Very popular with hummingbirds, as well as butterflies and bees
- Bloom time: Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep
- · Full sun to part-shade
- · Moist to wet soils

# Swamp Milkweed

(Asclepias incarnata)



- The large, bright blossoms of this showy perennial are made up of small, very sweet smelling rose-purple flowers
- Attractive to pollinators and a <u>host plant for</u> the monarch butterfly
- Blooms: Jun, Jul, Aug
- Grows in moist-wet soils, but does very well in regular garden soils
- Sun to part-shade