

Attracting wildlife with Florida's native wildflowers

Florida's wildflowers play important roles in the state's natural landscape. Not only do they add beauty, they support insects, birds and other wildlife by providing food. Here are some of the best wildflowers that can draw wildlife to your landscape. Look for them at Florida's native nurseries. To find a nursery near you, visit the Florida Association of Native Nurseries' web site at www.PlantRealFlorida.org.

Butterfly larval plants



Bahama cassia (Senna ligustrina) with cloudless sulphur butterfly caterpillar



Passionvine (Passiflora incarnata)



Swamp milkweed (Asclepias incarnata)

Butterfly nectar plants



Butterfly milkweed (Asclepias tuberosa)



Blazing star (*Liatris spp.*)



Florida paintbrush (*Carphephorus corymbosus*)

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Foliage for herbivores



Dotted horsemint (*Monarda punctata*)



Grassleaf goldenaster (*Pityopsis graminifolia*)



Goldenrod (Solidago spp.)

Wildflowers that attract hummingbirds



Coral honeysuckle (Lonicera sempervirens)



Cardinal flower (Lobelia cardinalis)



Tropical sage (Salvia coccinea)

Seed producers for birds and small mammals



Sunflower (*Helianthus spp.*)



Partidge pea (Chamaecrista fasciculata)



Thistle (*Cirsium spp.*) (*Cirsium* species often can be difficult to control.)