



The Garden's dual purpose is to provide healthy habitats for local pollinators, and to teach the community about the wonders of native, urban green spaces through curiosity and discovery.



The Bumblebee Learning Garden

Map Key

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| <p>1 Wild bergamot (bee balm) <i>Monarda fistulosa</i></p> <p>2 Small hairystem spiderwort <i>Tradescantia hirsuticaulis</i></p> <p>Virginia spiderwort <i>Tradescantia virginiana</i></p> <p>Blazing star <i>Liatris spicata</i></p> | <p>6 Aromatic aster <i>Symphyotrichum oblongifolium</i></p> <p>Tall coreopsis <i>Coreopsis tripteris</i></p> <p>7 Red columbine <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i></p> <p>8 Calico beardtongue <i>Penstemon calycosus</i></p> <p>9 Purple coneflower <i>Echinacea purpurea</i></p> <p>Blue wood aster <i>Symphyotrichum cordifolium</i></p> | <p>11 Tall larkspur <i>Delphinium exaltatum</i></p> <p>Downy skullcap <i>Scutellaria incana</i></p> <p>12 Creeping phlox <i>Phlox stolonifera</i></p> <p>Downy wood mint <i>Blephilia ciliata</i></p> <p>Mountain mint <i>Pycnanthemum muticum</i></p> <p>Wild bergamot (bee balm) <i>Monarda fistulosa</i></p> |
| <p>5 Sweet joe pye weeds <i>Eutrochium purpureum</i></p> <p>Coastal plain joe pye weed <i>Eutrochium dubium</i></p> | <p>10 White turtlehead <i>Chelone glabra</i></p> <p>Great blue lobelia <i>Lobelia siphilitica</i></p> <p>Downy skullcap <i>Scutellaria incana</i></p> | |

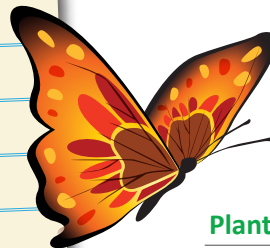


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In fall 2019, The Mariners' Museum and Park expanded its mission of connecting people to the world's waters by building a pollinator garden. The Museum's Park and Education teams created this garden to provide a suitable habitat for pollinators and teach the community about the wonders of native, urban green spaces.



Garden Notes:



Native plants were a must in the garden. Some of the plants have an additional benefit in that they are **larval hosts for butterflies**.

According to the Piedmont Environmental Council, our garden features seven larval host plants.

Below is a list of the plants in the garden and what butterflies use them as larval hosts:

| Plant Name | Butterfly or Moth Name |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Purple coneflower | Silvery checkerspot |
| Beardtongues | Common buckeye |
| Turtleheads | Baltimore checkerspot |
| Asters | Pearl crescent & Silvery checkerspot |
| Spiderworts | Common buckeye |
| Joe pye weeds | Painted lady |
| Columbines | Spring azur |

The Nature Conservancy



A grant from The Nature Conservancy inspired the Museum's Education Department to create the Nature Explorers! outdoor education program/pollinator garden for students.

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