

# Native Pollinator Garden Planner

## Your Step-by-Step Blueprint for a Living Landscape

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### PHASE 1: SITE DIAGNOSTICS (The "Look Before You Leap" List)

*Before buying any native plants for pollinators Canada, fill this out:*

- **Hardiness Zone:** Identify your zone (e.g., Zone 4b, Zone 6a).
  - **Soil pH Test:** Is your soil Acidic, Neutral, or Alkaline?
  - **Sun Exposure:** Track sunlight for one full day (Full Sun: 6+ hrs / Part Shade: 3-6 hrs / Shade: <3 hrs).
  - **Soil Texture:** Squeeze a handful of moist soil. Does it form a ribbon (Clay), crumble (Sand), or hold a soft ball (Loam)?
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### PHASE 2: BLOOM SUCCESSION STRATEGY

*Select at least 3 species for each window to prevent the "Nectar Gap":*

Season	Your Plant Selection	Key Pollinator Target
Spring (April-June)	_____	Early Queens (Bumblebees)
Summer (July-Aug)	_____	Monarchs & Mason Bees
Fall (Sept-Oct)	_____	Migratory Butterflies & Asters

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### PHASE 3: THE KEYSTONE ANCHORS

*Every functional Canadian habitat must include at least one of these "Power Plants":*

- **Oak (Quercus):** Support 500+ species.
  - **Willow (Salix):** Critical early-season energy.
  - **Cherry/Plum (Prunus):** High-protein pollen.
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## PHASE 4: THE "LAZY GARDENER" MAINTENANCE RULES

- **Rule #1:** Leave the stalks! Do not cut down hollow stems until spring temps hit 10°C.
- **Rule #2:** Plant in "Drifts." Group 3-5 of the same species together for visibility.
- **Rule #3:** Zero Spray Zone. Pesticides turn a habitat into a trap.
- **Rule #4:** Leaf Litter is Gold. Leave leaves on the ground to insulate hibernating queens.

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**Next Steps:** Use this planner at your local native nursery to ensure every dollar spent contributes to a self-sustaining ecosystem. **Happy Planting!**