

Gardener,

Thank you for joining I-Pollinate! We're thrilled to have you be a part of the team! We appreciate you taking the time to complete the training module, and now for the fun part – planting your garden! In 2022, we are continuing to assign different garden types – “best-selling” plants and “pollinator-friendly” plants – to participants, which will allow us to better compare motivations for purchasing flowers, as well as comparing whether the switch to ornamentals specifically recommended for pollinators actually makes a difference in pollinator visitation. With that said, please only purchase the plants for the garden type you've been assigned.

Without further ado, here is your garden assignment!

Pollinator-Friendly

Purple Ageratum	✓ Yellow Marigold 2
Blue Borage	✓ Yellow Portulaca 4
Pink Callistephus	✓ Purple Salvia 3
Pink Cleome	Yellow Sneezeweed
Blue Cornflower	Purple Verbena
White Cosmos	✓ Purple Vervain 6
Pink Gaura	✓ Yellow Zinnia 1
White Lobularia (Sweet Alyssum) 5	

24 total

As a reminder, **please choose six plant species from this list and purchase four plants of each species** for your research garden. **Please remember to choose annual varieties when possible.** Planting should take place between mid-May and early June to allow time for the plants to establish before the first round of data collection taking place June 19-25. Additionally, if you're interested in participating in the monarch portion of I-Pollinate, **please purchase four swamp milkweed plants** for your garden. Swamp milkweed is also called rose milkweed. If not, please choose another annual ornamental species from the list provided, for a total of seven plant species in your garden.

We want to express our gratitude for your participation in this community-science endeavor. Without you, the amount of data being collected for pollinators wouldn't be possible. Please reach out with any questions, comments, or other feedback you have, and happy planting!

Sincerely,

The I-Pollinate Team