

# What type of Project is Right for You ?

The most important pollinator habitat project you can create is one that is long-term. Providing reliable food and nesting resources year after year will best support Minnesota pollinator populations.

Planning how you can best maintain your project will help ensure success. See the chart below to decide what type of project works best for you and your neighborhood.



## Guide to Project Types:

	<b>pockets of habitat:* 22</b>	<b>flowering trees and shrubs: 24</b>	<b>pollinator lawn: 26</b>	<b>pollinator meadow: 28</b>
<b>type</b>	native plants (potted)	shrubs and trees (potted)	pollinator lawn (from seed)	native plants (seeds or potted)
<b>difficulty</b>	•••	•	••••••*	•••••••
<b>cost</b>	•••	••••••••	••	•••••
<b>installation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sod removal</li> <li>• sheet mulching</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• dig holes</li> <li>• plant trees/shrubs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• over-seed</li> <li>• remove lawn and re-seed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• solarization</li> <li>• sheet mulching</li> <li>• remove lawn + re-seed</li> </ul>
<b>maintenance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• weed, especially in first few years</li> <li>• divide plants as they outgrow their space</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• some may need winter protection from rabbits</li> <li>• prune annually</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• weed, especially in first few years</li> <li>• over-seed to promote more flowers</li> <li>• raise mower height</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• weed, especially in first few years</li> <li>• mow twice yearly</li> </ul>
<b>benefits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• easier to maintain</li> <li>• best habitat value for the least amount of effort</li> <li>• a great way to start gardening!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• easiest to maintain</li> <li>• adds habitat value + neat appearance</li> <li>• best for smaller lots + preference for a managed look</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• can be difficult to establish</li> <li>• less habitat value than a native planting</li> <li>• less mowing than a traditional lawn</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• most work to maintain</li> <li>• best habitat value</li> <li>• best for larger lots</li> </ul>

\*recommended for new gardeners

\*it can be difficult to establish flowering plants in a dense turf lawn