

BIRD & BUTTERFLY

Specialty
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The Bird and Butterfly Mix is an assortment of flowers specifically known to attract hummingbirds and butterflies. A good example is the butterfly milkweed; this flower is the primary host plant to the monarch butterfly.

Planting rates

Wildflowers seeding rate vary from 2 oz. per 1000 sq.ft. for a prairie look to 8 oz. per 1000 sq.ft. for a flower garden look. If you want the flowers to really show through, use the higher rates. Grasses may be mixed with the flowers at 4 to 8 oz. per 1000 sq.ft. Native grasses like blue grama and buffalograss provide an aesthetic look that complements wildflowers but they are very slow to establish and require more long-term maintenance. Sheeps fescue and hard fescue are the best cool season grasses because they establish faster, are less competitive, and require less maintenance.

Weed Control

To ensure satisfactory displays of wildflowers year after year, weed control is essential. Controlling weeds in the planting year, with a monthly program of checking for weeds as soon as they can be recognized is important to good flower establishment.

Irrigation Practices

Supplemental water, up to ½" of water per week, may be required to maintaining healthy, viable plants during hot summer days. Fertilization will help promote early plant vigor and will be beneficial in a long-term maintenance program if the soil is sandy or very poor in nutrients.

Planting Instructions

Wild flowers can be planted in the spring through early summer or dormant seeded in late fall. If you are planting a large area that is hard to water, dormant seeding is easier. The best seed bed is one prepared like you were planting grass.

Long-term maintenance: Wildflowers may be mowed in the fall after seed set to a height of 4-6", but leave the residue as a reservoir of viable seeds.

Components

Butterfly Milkweed, Calendula, Aster Crego Mix, Cornflower Polka Dot, Shasta Daisy, Dwarf Godetia, Lance-Leaved Coreopsis, Plains Coreopsis, Cosmos, Rocket Larkspur, Sweet William Mix, Purple Coneflower, Blanket Flower, Globe Gilia, Gayfeather, Spurred Snapdragon, Blue Flax, Scarlet Flax, Sweet Alyssum, Perennial Lupine, Maltese Cross, Lemon Mint, Corn Poppy Mix, Prairie Coneflower, Black-Eyed Susan, Scarlet Sage, Catchfly, Zinnia California Giant.

WILDFLOWER SEED MIXTURE

