# Native Flowers of Knoxville

### Purple aster (*Aster*)

These hardy, sunny faced lavender and pink flowers (with yellow centers) look like tiny daisies.

### Butterfly milkweed (*Asclepia*)

Gorgeous orange bloomer loved by hummingbirds and butterflies, especially the Monarch.

### Spiderwort (T*radescantia*)

They open up in the morning. However, they close during in the afternoon in direct sunlight.

### Tennessee coneflower (*Echinacea*)

This classic light pink coneflower is one of the nation's rarest wildflowers.

### Wild Geranium (*Geranium*)

Good for Eastern shade gardens. Seeds attract Mourning Doves, Bobwhite Quail, and White-tailed Deer.

### Dense blazing star (*Liatris*)

Especially adapted to hummingbird visitation. The stem juice is said to relieve itching from poison ivy.

### Shooting star (*Dodecatheon*)

Bees are the main pollinators. They extract the pollen by vibrating their bodies against the tube.

### Fire pink (*Silene*)

A common name for members of this genus is Catchfly, which refers to the sticky hairs or exudates which trap insects.

### Virginia bluebells (*Mertensia*)

When it grows in masses, this species makes a spectacular show.

### Bee balm *(Monarda)*

Attracts butterflies, hummingbirds, and of course bees, as its name suggests.

### Wild columbine (*Aquilega*)

Leaves are lobed and grouped in 3s, growing from the base and of the flowering stems.

### Bleeding heart (*Dicentra*)

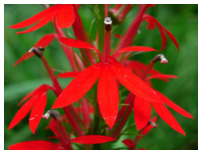
Evergreen plant for Eastern shade gardens. A variety of birds and mammals eat the berries of this plant.

### Max sunflower (*Helianthus*)

Deer and numerous species of birds eat the seeds. It is also a useful wildlife cover plant.

### Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia*)

As most insects find it difficult to navigate the long tubular flowers, this species depends on hummingbirds.



### Solomon's seal (*Polygonatum*)

The leaf stalk breaks away, leaving a distinctive scar said to resemble the official seal of King Solomon.

### Turtlehead (*Chelone*)

The flowers, the shape of which suggest a turtle head, are purple; the lower lip bearded with tiny yellow hairs.

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