



Extension

Pollinator-Friendly Garden Certification Application

This program is currently limited to gardens located in Maine and New Hampshire.

To request assistance with completing this application, email extension.pollinators@maine.edu or call 207.581.3188

Contact Information:

Name: _____

Date: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Mailing Address:

Street or PO Box: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Garden Address: ☐ Same as mailing address

Street: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please choose the option that best describes your garden:

- ☐ Residential (house)
- ☐ Residential (apartment, condominium, townhouse)
- ☐ Business/Organization
- ☐ Community Garden
- ☐ School Garden
- ☐ Municipal
- ☐ Farm
- ☐ Other (enter other type) _____

For public gardens only: Our website's garden map encourages gardeners to visit certified Pollinator-Friendly gardens that are open to the public. If your garden is open to the public, would you like to be listed on our map (including address): ☐ YES ☐ NO

☐ I have reviewed either the Pollinator-Friendly Gardening website or taken the Pollinator-Friendly Gardening course and understand the requirements for certification.

Please be sure to include your name at the top of each page of the application, including your map.

Name: _____

Food Sources

Certification Requirements:

Please list the food sources in your garden in the tables below.

✓ A minimum of nine different species of native plants* that provide nectar and pollen for pollinators, including at least three for each season: early (April - June), mid (July - August), and late (September - October).

*For this certification, we define native as native to New England. Use GoBotany <https://gobotany.nativeplanttrust.org/> to verify native status. Use your own observations or consult a reliable source to determine bloom season. Refer to the Pollinator-Friendly Garden website for lists of suggested plants.

Early Season (April - June)

Latin Name	Common Name

Mid Season (July - August)

Latin Name	Common Name

Late Season (September - October)

Latin Name	Common Name

Name: _____

Optional: List any additional *native* plants here:

Note: this list is only reviewed for the presence of invasive species. Do not include the plants listed here in the map.

Latin Name	Common Name	Bloom Season (early, mid or late)

Name: _____

Water Sources

✓ In order to certify, your garden needs at least one of the following water sources, continuously available while pollinators are active.

Check all that apply:

- ☐ Nearby natural body of water, such as a lake, river, stream, or spring
- ☐ Birdbath or shallow dish of water
- ☐ Butterfly puddling area
- ☐ Water garden or pond

Shelter

✓ In order to certify, your garden needs at least three of the following types of shelter.

Please choose all types of shelter in your garden:

- ☐ Spaces of bare ground
- ☐ Rock pile or wall
- ☐ Dead wood
- ☐ Leave garden cleanup until late spring
- ☐ Bee boxes, appropriately designed for native bees and properly maintained*

**See important information on our website about the design and maintenance of bee boxes.*

Name: _____

Safeguard Pollinator Habitat

Within the area to be certified, I confirm:

- ☐ I have eliminated the use of pesticides, including insecticides, herbicides, and fungicides.
- ☐ I have removed any existing invasive plants.
- ☐ I will not plant any invasive ornamental plants.

For the rest of my landscape*:

- ☐ I have created a plan to remove invasive plants.
- ☐ I will not plant any invasive ornamental plants.
- ☐ I will reduce pesticide use by adopting at least 3 of the following practices (select all that apply):
 - ☐ Plant pest-resistant varieties
 - ☐ Scout for and positively identify pests before treating
 - ☐ Hand-pick insect pests
 - ☐ Use physical barriers like floating row cover to protect plants
 - ☐ Only use pesticides when necessary to maintain plant health or to control invasive species
 - ☐ Choose the least toxic pesticides and application method available

*If you don't have sole control over the area around your pollinator garden (e.g., condominium, school, rental), you can instead choose:

- ☐ I commit to advocating to the property manager about the importance of removing invasive plants, reducing pesticide use, and safeguarding pollinators from pesticides in the area surrounding the pollinator garden.

Is there anything else we should know about your garden?

Name: _____

Garden Map

Please provide a simple bubble diagram of the area (see sample sketch at the end of the application). It does not need to be drawn to scale, but it must meet the requirements listed below. Maps may be hand drawn or created on a computer.

Requirements for sketch:

- ✓ ___ Sketch is clear and legible. We suggest going over pencil sketches in blue or black ink.
- ✓ ___ Shows the location of the nine native plants listed on your application, including either their full Latin or common name as you have listed them. Our preference is to only have those **nine native plants** listed for ease of review. If you have other plants listed, please make sure the nine plants listed on your application are highlighted.
- ✓ ___ Location of water source is labeled on the sketch
- ✓ ___ Sketch is labeled with applicant name

Name: _____

Required:

By typing or signing my name below, I certify that all the information provided is true and that I will always strive to use pollinator-friendly practices in my garden.

Applicant signature: _____

Date: _____

Congratulations!

You've completed your application. Please see the next page for application submission instructions.

We recommend making a copy of your application for your own records.

Please email the completed application to extension.pollinators@maine.edu and pay the \$25 application fee online: umaine-extension.formtitan.com/ftproject/pollinator-garden/app-payment

OR

Mail your application with a check for \$25 payable to "University of Maine" (memo: pollinator)

to:

Pollinator-Friendly Certification Program
UMaine Cooperative Extension
45 Kennebunk Road
Alfred, Maine 04002

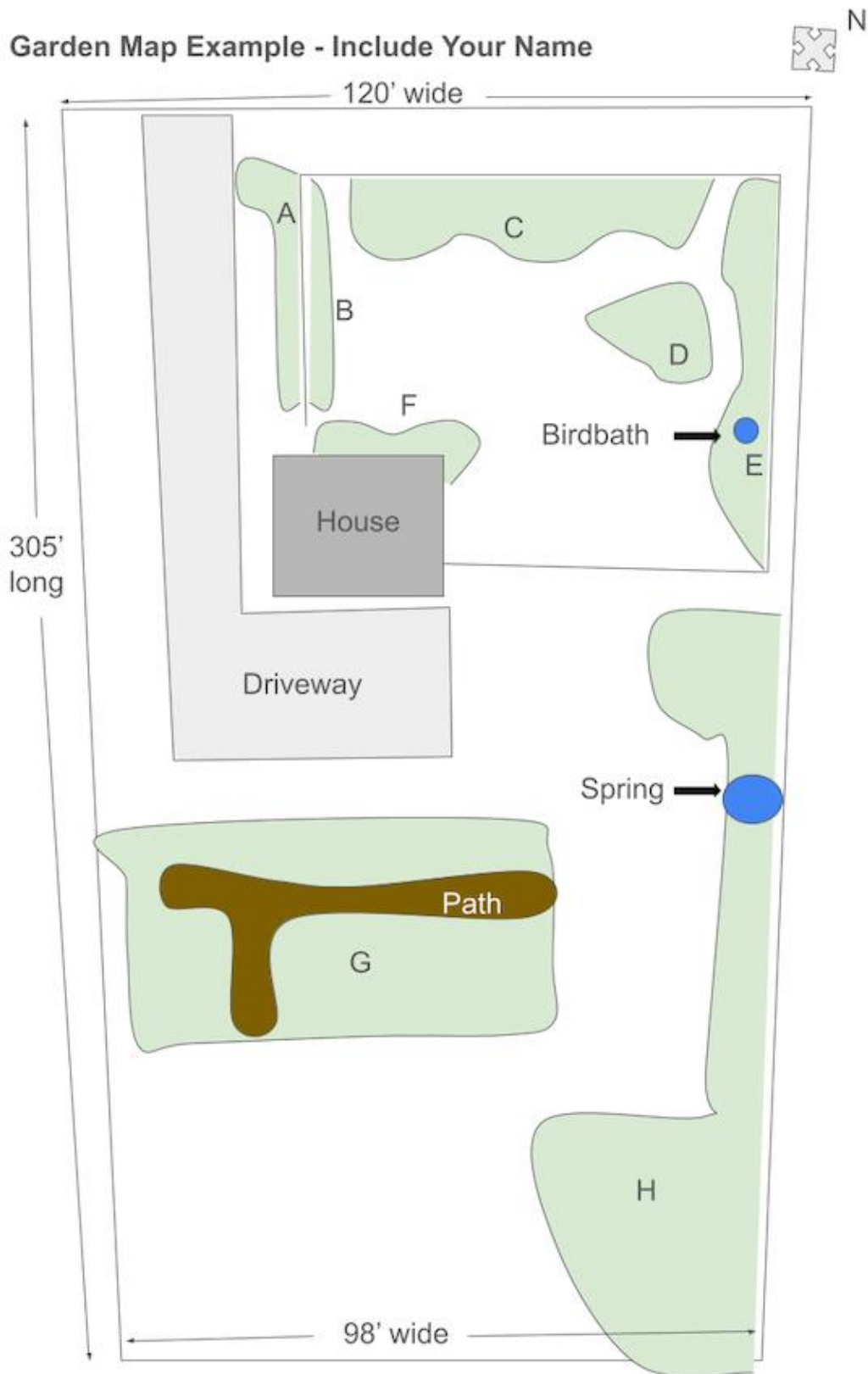
Questions? Contact our team at extension.pollinators@maine.edu or 207.581.3188.

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Name: _____

Garden Map Example - Include Your Name



Name: _____

Sample key showing map location of plants listed on your application

Bed C: Front Bed

Aquilegia canadensis - Red columbine

Monarda fistulosa - Bergamot

Bed E: Marshy Bed

Caltha palustris - Marsh marigold

Cephalanthus occidentalis - Buttonbush

Bed F: House Bed

Anaphalis margaritacea - Pearly everlasting

Bed G: Woodland Garden

Arisaema triphyllum - Jack-in-the-Pulpit

Echinocystis lobata - Wild cucumber

Bed H

Eurybia divaricata - White wood aster

Solidago rugosa - Rough-stemmed goldenrod