

Native Plants at the Oakville Bus Stop

Lonicera sempervirens 'Major Wheeler': Providing more flowers, a longer period of bloom and less susceptibility to mildew than the native red trumpet honeysuckle vine, this perennial provides bright red and gold flowers that attract hummingbirds and other pollinators throughout the summer. The flowers are followed by red berries that provide food for birds. The longer bloom time of this cultivar provides greater benefit to pollinators, while the shorter bloom time and larger berry crop of the straight native vine provides more benefit to birds. The vine grows up to 10 feet tall and requires sturdy support. It tolerates partial shade but flowers best in full sun.

Agastache foeniculum (Anise hyssop): A perennial herb known for its licorice-scented foliage and spikes of lavender flowers that attract bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds throughout the summer. The plant prefers full sun, grows up to 3 feet tall, and has both culinary and ornamental uses.

Monarda didyma 'Jacob Cline': Also called Oswego Tea, *Monarda didyma* is a full sun perennial known for its bright red tubular flowers that attract hummingbirds, bees, and butterflies during the summer. Its fragrant mint-like foliage hosts the caterpillars of several species of moths and is sometimes used to make tea. Jacob Cline is a selection of the native species that provides more blooms and a longer period of bloom.

Achillea millifolium 'New Vintage White': A cultivar of the native white yarrow whose longer bloom time (June to September), more compact height (12 to 14 inches), and less sprawling nature is more manageable in planters and most garden settings. The flowers are attractive to butterflies and other pollinators. This yarrow prefers full sun and very well-drained soil.

Blephilia ciliata (Downy Wood Mint): A deer resistant perennial in the mint family, but clump-forming rather than spreading aggressively. Its whorls of pale blue to purple flowers attract pollinators from May to August. Growing to 2 feet tall, wood mint needs full sun and very well-drained soil.