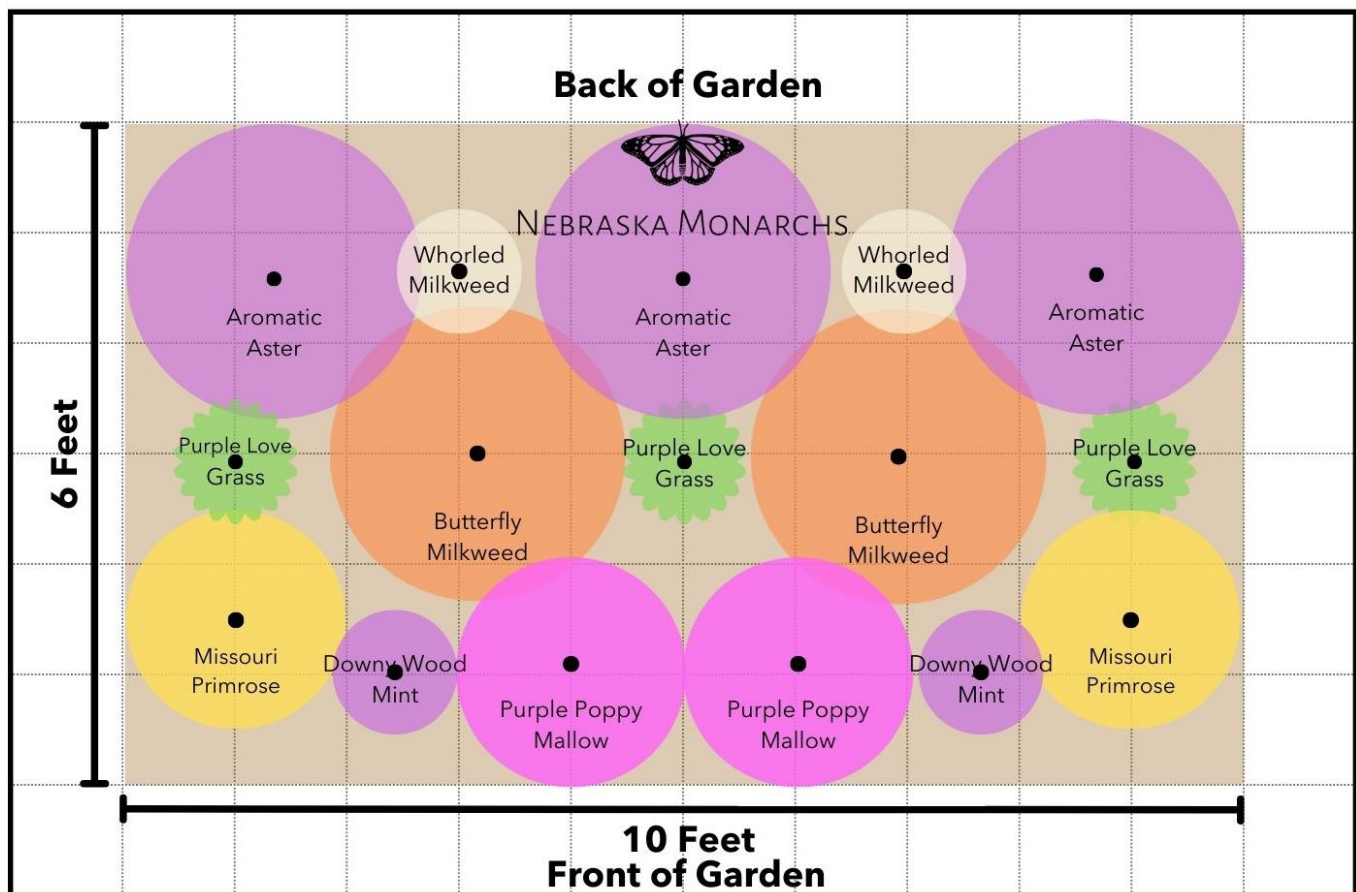


Rainbow (3 ft Max) / Full Sun (2)



Spring Bloomers

Missouri Primrose (*Oenothera macrocarpa*) - 2 (Height: 1', Spread: 2'/Ground Cover, Color: Yellow)

Summer Bloomers

Butterfly Milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) - 2 (Height: 3', Spread: 3', Color: Orange)

Whorled Milkweed (*Asclepias verticillate*) - 2 (Height: 3', Spread: 1', Color: White)

Purple Poppy Mallow (*Callirhoe involucrate*) - 2 (Height: 2', Spread: 2'/Ground Cover, Color: Magenta)

Downy Wood Mint (*Blephilia ciliate*) - 2 (Height: 2', Spread: 1', Color: Purple)

Fall Bloomers

Aromatic Aster (*Symphotrichum oblongifolium*) - 3 (Height: 3', Spread: 3', Color: Purple)

Grass/Sedge

Purple Love Grass (*Eragrostis spectabilis*) - 3 (Height: 2', Spread: 1')

For complete planting instructions, refer to the brochure "Creating a Native Pollinator Habitat" received at the Native Plant Giveaway or found online at NeMonarchs.com/designs

Site Preparation

When selecting a location for your plants, consider their sunlight and water needs. Avoid planting in areas treated with pesticides. Before you begin planting, amend the soil with 1-2 inches of a mix of equal parts of compost and topsoil. Avoid tilling as it can bring weed seeds to the surface. You can mulch to help control weeds. A layer of 1 inch or less is best. Too much mulch can harm plants. Finally, measure the space and mark plant locations before digging.

Planting: Dig a hole for each plant slightly bigger than the width of the pot and ¼ inch deeper. Remove plants from pots by gently squeezing the bottom while tilting the pot slightly downward. Avoid pulling plants from the top. Gently massage the roots and place in the hole. Backfill loose soil from the hole by feathering it around the base of the plant and using it to cover the entire root system. Firm the loose soil by lightly pressing down around the plant to ensure good root contact with the soil underneath.

First Year Water Schedule

Observe plants and weather conditions to determine water needs. Water each plant with 1 quart (4 cups) in the early morning or at sunset. Recommended watering schedule:

- Week 1-2:** Water every other day
- Week 3-4:** Water twice per week
- Week 5-10:** Water once a week

Clean-up

Year-round: Pull unwanted grasses/weeds.

Fall: Leave as much of your garden as possible intact for winter pollinator hibernating habitats. Collect seeds from plants to share!

Spring: Do spring clean-up when temperatures are consistently above 50°F for ten days and the threat of frost has passed.

Other Plant Notes:

Butterfly and Whorled Milkweed: Host plants for Monarchs

Purple Poppy Mallow: Host plant for Grey Hairstreaks and Painted Ladies

Aromatic Aster: Host plant for Dainty Sulphurs and Pearl Crescents

- Perennials come back every year and require minimum maintenance once established (can take up to a year).
- Many native plants do not flower the first year as they are establishing a strong root system, so be patient!
- If critters are eating the plants, you can buy chicken wire and create small enclosures surrounding plants until they are established.
- If you notice a taller plant needs extra support, you can secure the plant to a stake using plant ties or large wire twist ties.



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