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 BWSR Pilot Seed Mixes

**PILOT SEED MIXES:**

These new “Pilot” seed mixes have been developed for a variety of restoration, conservation and stormwater uses. Goals were to meet the needs of common project types and to create direction for emerging topics such as biofuels, buffers, conservation grazing, and pollinators. All of the mixes were developed for specific functions and incorporate pollinator habitat to the extent possible. The mixes will remain as pilot mixes for a couple years until we understand how they are performing before we work to make them official state mixes. In many cases these mixes should be considered starting points for developing site specific mixes.

Note: Oats cover crop is included as a component of these seed mixes with the exception of some wetland mixes where cover species are not necessary. Winter wheat (at a similar rate to oats) may be selected in some cases where germination is needed later in the fall, followed by further green‐up the following spring (oats will not come back the follow spring unless it re‐establishes from seed).

Finalized **Pollinator Plot Northwest**

Function: Pollinator Planting Area: NW Specialization: NRCS CP 42

Intent: Diverse pollinator habitat establishment for conservation plantings a few acres in size in northwest

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| Scientific Name Common Name Seeds/ sq ft**Cover** | Rate (lb/ac) | % Mix (by sqft) | % Mix (by wt) |  |
|  | Avena sativa | Oats\* (See Cover crop note) | 11.13 | 37.88 |  |  |
|  |  | Total Guild: | 11.13 | 37.88 | 25.12% | 89.5% |
| **Forb** | Agastache foeniculum | Blue Giant Hyssop | 0.35 | 0.01 |  |  |
|  | Allium stellatum | Prairie Wild Onion | 0.041 | 0.02 |  |  |
|  | Amorpha canescens | Lead Plant | 0.37 | 0.06 |  |  |
|  | Asclepias syriaca | Common Milkweed | 0.16 | 0.11 |  |  |
|  | Asclepias tuberosa | Butterfly Milkweed | 0.1 | 0.06 |  |  |
|  | Echinacea angustifolia | Narrow‐leaved Purple Conefl | 0.16 | 0.06 |  |  |
|  | Helianthus maximilianii | Maximilian's Sunflower | 0.3 | 0.06 |  |  |
|  | Helianthus pauciflorus | Stiff Sunflower | 0.09 | 0.06 |  |  |
|  | Heliopsis helianthoides | Ox‐eye | 0.14 | 0.06 |  |  |
|  | Liatris aspera | Rough Blazing Star | 0.37 | 0.06 |  |  |
|  | Monarda fistulosa | Wild Bergamot | 1.61 | 0.06 |  |  |
|  | Oligoneuron rigidum | Stiff Goldenrod | 0.94 | 0.06 |  |  |

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| Phlox pilosa | Prairie Phlox | 0.08 | 0.01 |
| Pycnanthemum virginianum | Virginia Mountain Mint | 0.82 | 0.01 |
| Rudbeckia hirta | Black‐eyed Susan | 4 | 0.12 |
| Sisyrinchium campestre | Field Blue‐eyed Grass | 0.17 | 0.01 |
| Solidago nemoralis | Gray Goldenrod | 2.18 | 0.02 |
| Symphyotrichum ericoides | Heath Aster | 1.6 | 0.02 |
| Symphyotrichum laeve | Smooth Aster | 1.26 | 0.06 |
| Verbena hastata | Blue Vervain | 6 | 0.18 |
| Viola pedatifida | Bearded Birdfoot Violet | 0.14 | 0.01 |
| Zizia aurea | Golden Alexanders | 0.25 | 0.08 |
| Total Guild: 21.131 | 1.20 | 47.70% | 2.8% |

**Graminoid**

Andropogon gerardii Big Bluestem 2.3 0.63

Bouteloua curtipendula Side‐oats Grama 1.8 0.82

Elymus canadensis Canada Wild Rye 0.8 0.42

Hesperostipa spartea Porcupine Grass 0.02 0.08

Schizachyrium scoparium Little Bluestem 3 0.54

Sporobolus heterolepis Prairie Dropseed 3.6 0.61

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| Total Guild: 11.52 | 3.10 | 26.00% | 7.3% |
| **Legume** | Astragalus canadensis | Canada Milk Vetch | 0.39 | 0.06 |  |  |
|  | Desmodium canadense | Canada Tick Trefoil | 0.13 | 0.06 |  |  |
|  |  | Total Guild: | 0.52 | 0.12 | 1.17% | 0.3% |
|  |  | Total Seed Mix: | 44.301 | 42.30 |  |  |