Native Flowers of Knoxville

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

Butterfly milkweed (*Asclepias*)
Gorgeous orange bloomer loved by hummingbirds and butterflies, especially the Monarch.

Spiderwort (*Tradescantia*)
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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