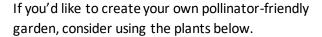
Ross Complex gets a pollinator-friendly garden

The spring of 2021 marked the completion of a landscaping project which now brightens the heart of the Ross complex with a colorful and pollinator-friendly landscape that is practical, sustainable and beautiful. 23 native herbaceous plant species were used to create an upland meadow and 17 plant species were used for a stormwater garden.





UPLAND MEADOW, (Consider planting the first five plants on this list)

- Oregon sunshine Eriophyllum lanatum perennial with grayish green wooly leaves, low to the ground; yellow daisy-like flowers
- Western buttercup Ranunculus occidentalis perennial
- Western yarrow Achillea millefolium perennial
- Farewell to spring Clarkia amoena annual that readily self-sows
- California poppy Eschscholzia californica annual or perennial depending on conditions, will self-sow and can take over plantings, may need to thin some out in second year
- California oatgrass Danthonia californica native perennial bunchgrass, long-lived
- Roemer's fescue Festuca romerii native perennial bunchgrass
- Lance self-heal Prunella vulgaris var. lanceolata perennial with purple spikes of flowers
- Rose checkermallow Sidalcea malviflora ssp. virgata perennial, tall spikes of pink flowers
- Slim-leaf onion Alium amplectens linear leaves, low to the ground
- Large-flowered blue-eyed Mary Collinsia grandiflora annual with beautiful, numerous blue and white flowers
- Rosy plectritis Plectritis congesta annual with pink flowering spikes
- Canary violet Viola praemorsa perennial
- Cinquefoil Potentilla gracilis perennial
- Straightbeak buttercup Ranunculus orthorhynchus perennial
- Meadow checkermallow Sidalcea campestris perennial, tall spikes of pink flowers in second year
- Tall alumroot Heurchera chlorantha perennial, will bloom second and subsequent years
- Spanish clover Lotus purshianus annual, will bloom first year and self-sow
- Baby blue eyes Nemophilla menziesii annual
- Varileaf phacelia Phacelia heterophylla biennial or short-lived perennial
- Fragrant popcorn flower Plagiobothrys figuratus early spring annual that likes wet spots
- Scurf pea Rupert physodes low, busy perennial with clusters of cream-colored pea flowers visited by hummingbirds
- Western or prairie burnet Sanguisorba annua annual or biennial that grows in damp grasslands

STORMWATER GARDEN, (Consider planting the first five plants on this list)

- Slender cinquefoil Potentilla gracilis
- Hall's Aster Symphyotrichum (Aster) hallii perennial with many white to pink daisy-like flowers, blooms late summer, visited by butterflies
- Slender rush Juncus tenuis
- Tufted hairgrass Deschampsia cespitosa perennial wetland bunchgrass, up to 4 feet tall or so, very attractive in bloom
- Dense spike-primrose Epilobium densiflorum annual, linear leaves dense spike of 4-petaled pink flowers
- Saw-beaked sedge Carex stipata
- One-sided sedge Carex unilateralis
- California oatgrass Danthonia californica
- Straightbeak buttercup Ranunculus orthorhyncus
- Meadow checkerbloom Sidalcea campestris
- Lance self-heal Prunella vulgaris v. lanceolata
- Leichtlin's camas Camassia leichtlinii perennial, linear leaves early in the spring, will take several
 years to enlarge bulb sufficiently to flower
- Oregon sunshine Eriophyllum lanatum
- Large-leaved avens Geum macrophyllum perennial, east to grow, self-sows, pollinated by small flies that can see a black spot at the base of the yellow flower visible only in UV light
- Spanish clover Lotus purshianus
- Seablush/Rosy plectritis Plectritis congesta
- Farewell to spring Clarkia amoena