

Perennials for Pollinators 2024

Perennials for Pollinators is open for applications with several new additions for Spring 2024. Aberdeenshire Council's Greenspace Team has relaunched the initiative to enrich biodiversity and foster community engagement through supporting diverse planting schemes. The new selection includes native wildflowers and culinary herbs, catering to our local ecosystems, insects and pollinators, and community interests in enhancing settlements. We invite community groups enthusiastic about promoting biodiversity and gardening for nature and well-being to join us in this endeavour.

Application Information:

1. Apply via **Google Form** - <https://forms.gle/KMhzrn7E4tokc7EcA> by the **1st of February 2024**
PDF or Word doc version of the spreadsheet available on request.
2. **120 is the maximum** we request you choose from across all the categories - herbaceous non-native perennials, native wildflower perennials, climbers, heathers, and edible/culinary herbs.
3. Applicants can order all species in **multiples of 3, 6, 12, 24, 30**. Over 30, please specify in box provided.
4. All plants will be **9cm pots**.
5. **The Plant Information Lists** give an image, colour, height, flowering period, light preference, and additional notes for the plants. Further research or knowledge from the applicant is needed to ensure plant suitability for a specific planting scheme.
6. The applicant must obtain **landowner permission** and agree to the **maintenance responsibility** of the planting scheme.
7. Applicants can express interest in **additional support options** that may be provided, subject to review and availability. These include soil improver, mulch, compost, tools, training, recycled wood planters and hi-vis vests.

Collection and Delivery Information:

The plants will be ready for collection from Landscape Services depots in Alford, Banchory, Ballater, Ellon, Fraserburgh, Kemnay, Laurencekirk, Macduff, Mintlaw in **February-March 2024**.

Subject to local availability, plants may also be delivered alternatively.

Applicant Profile:

We encourage applications from diverse groups. This includes community councils, school-affiliated groups, housing schemes, health and social care facilities, and both constituted and informal community groups. We seek applicants who have a strong commitment to the sustained care and maintenance of the planted areas. Dedication to nurturing and preserving these sites is crucial to the success and value of the project. Planted areas must be community spaces or public land.