



# WaterSMART

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*Asclepias incarnata* (Rose milkweed)



*Rudbeckia hirta* (Black-eyed Susan)



*Eutrochium dubium* (Coastal Joe Pye weed)



*Verbena hastata* (Blue vervain)

## **Congratulations to Our Rain Garden Seed Kit Winners!**

Congratulations to our Rain Garden Seed Kit winners! The winners will win one of 50 rain garden seed kits from [Blue Stem Natives](#). The kits will be sent by mail.

[Click here for resources to help you create your own rain garden.](#)

Here are the answers to the entry questions:

### **What does a rain garden do?**

Help prevent polluted stormwater from entering our waterways

Help control flooding

Help replenish our aquifers

\* **All of the above.**

**Lawns can generate up to how much runoff as pavement?**

30%

60%

**\* 90%**

**How often should I water my rain garden?**

**\* Water every other day for first 2-3 weeks until growing well.**

Water every day for first 2-3 weeks until growing well.

Water two times a day for first 2-3 weeks until growing well.

The Rain Garden Seed Kit contest was sponsored by our [WaterSmart](#) towns: Cohasset, Duxbury, Hanover, Hingham, Hull, Kingston, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Rockland, Scituate and Weymouth. The WaterSmart programs are based on the belief that education is key. Since its creation, WaterSmart has educated thousands of local school-age children, adults, and businesses on water conservation, stormwater pollution, where their water comes from, and how to care for it.

**The winners are:**

**Laura Accettella \* Patricia Anderson \* Sandy Bacon \* Leigh Biggins \* Suzanne Brown \* Ann Callanan \* Christina Campbell \* Lisa Chapman \* Donna Clancy \* Natalie Clark \* Karen Coghlan \* Kim Dixon \* Michael Donovan \* Kerstin Dorbert \* Gregory Doyon \* Suzanne Edsall \* Adrienne Fink \* Jay Flanagan \* Peter Galvin \* Allison Glennon \* Michelle Hadley \* Anne Horgan \* Meredith Klingerman \* Michael Lamond \* Deborah Lasala \* DawnMae Lucas \* Susan MacCallum \* Jennifer MacDonald \* Sandra MacFarlane \* Tom Maloney \* Margaret Mark \* Jacqui McCloskey \* Maryann McDonald \* Sharon McElroy \* Amy McKenna \* Natasha Misanko \* Susan Neiman \* Walter Norkus \* Stacy Pala \* Lauren Quinn \* David R Ronan \* Della Shepherd \* Kate Smith \* Susan Solis \* Mary Sullivan \* Carrie Sylvester \* Janet Tierney \* Justin Wasserback \* Lisa White \* Sue Zola**

The seed kit will contain:

<b>Species</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Bloom Time</b>	<b>Host to:</b>
<i>Zizia aurea</i>	Golden Alexanders	1-2' yellow	May-June	Zizia aurea is a host plant for the Black Swallowtail – which lay eggs on umbelliferous plants in the Apiaceae
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Rose milkweed	3-5' pink	June-August	Milkweed is the host plant for Monarch butterflies
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black-eyed Susan	2-3' yellow	June-August	Black-eyed Susan is a larval host for Silvery Checkerspot ( <i>Chlosyne nycteis</i> ) and Bordered Patch ( <i>Chlosyne lacinia</i> ) butterfly
<i>Eutrochium dubium</i>	Coastal Joe Pye weed	3-5' purple	July-September	Coastal Joe Pye weed is host to the Ruby Tiger Moth
<i>Verbena hastata</i>	Blue vervain	2-5' purplish-blue	July-September	Verbena hastata is a host plant for caterpillars of the Common Buckeye, <i>Junonia coenia</i> .