

Blend: Biodiversity

The hugely diverse flowers of the thirty flower species in the Biodiversity Blend are variously shaped, scented, and sized. Some are generous with their pollen and nectar, while others are stingier, but all were selected because of their attraction for bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects. It is composed of perennials and self-sowing annuals and will bloom from late spring to first frost, changing as the seasons pass.

Type: Mixed perennial and annual

Height: Can reach 1m (3')

Exposure: Full sun to partial shade

Difficulty: Easy



Growing

In small areas, seeds can be scattered by hand. To make the most of the annual species, direct sow in early spring during the period two weeks before and eight weeks after the last frost date.

Seeds must come into contact with the soil in order to germinate. Do not bury seeds more than 2-3 times their thickness.

Saving

Varied seeds may need to be saved differently. For the most part, flower stalks can be snipped after petals die. Cut as long a stem as you can. Slip this stem into a paper bag, putting it in with the flower head toward the bottom of the bag. You can put more than one stem into the same bag. Close the bag around the stem base using a rubber band, twist tie, or string. Hang the bag up in a closet, dry garage, or basement. As flower heads dry, seeds will fall into the bag. Put the seeds into a dated and labeled envelope and return to Brock!