
Gardening in the City

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A photograph of a lush backyard garden. On the left, a wooden deck and a fence are visible, with yellow flowers growing along the fence line. In the center, there's a variety of greenery, including hydrangea bushes with white flowers and pink flowering shrubs. A paved path leads towards a brick building with a grey roof in the background. The sky is overcast.

Coming into the backyard

Natives and Perennials

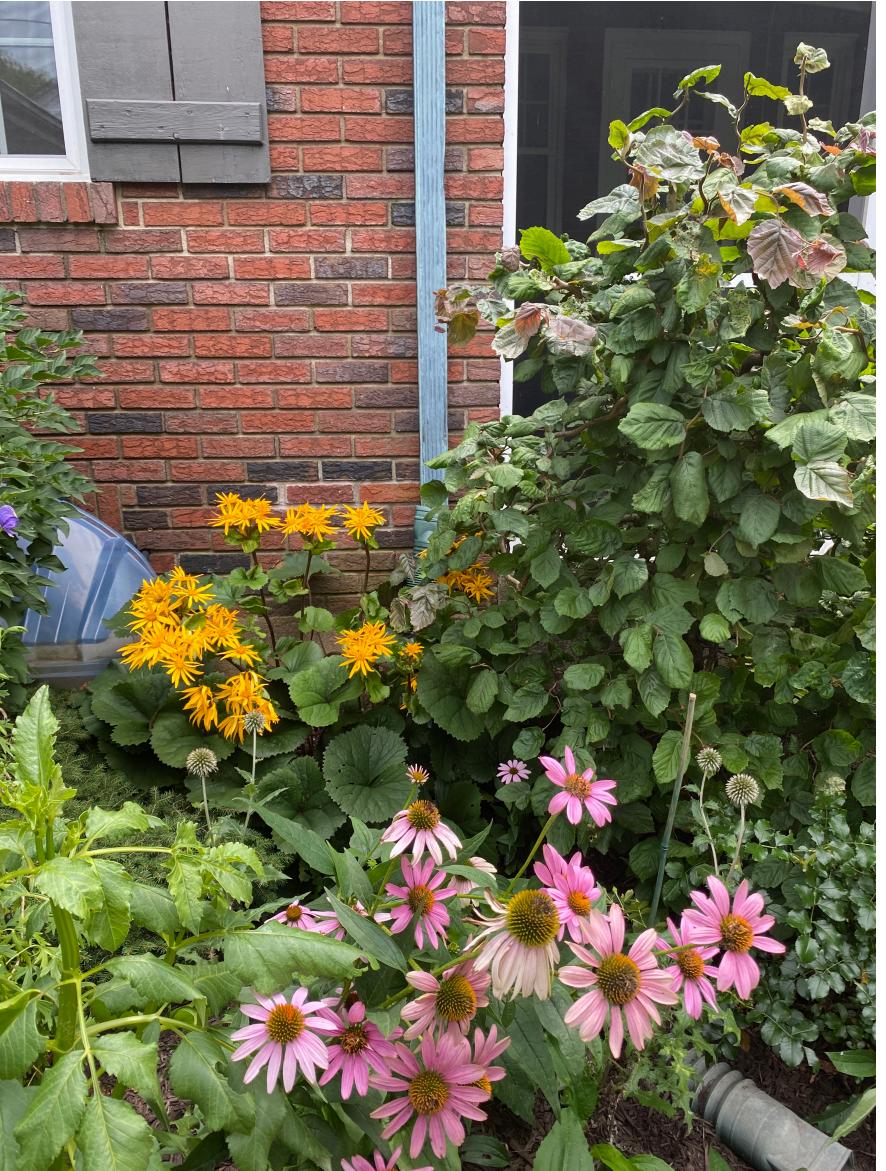
Natives

- Garden phlox (*Phlox paniculata*)
- Amsonia or Arkansas blue star (*Amsonia hubrechtii*)
- Coneflower or echinacea (*Echinacea x 'Balsom sed'*)
- Heuchera or coral bell (*Heuchera 'Obsidian'*)
- False Indigo (*Baptisia australis*)

Others

- Hydrangea*
- Sedum*
- Mint*





Framing the screen porch

- Ligularia or ragwort flower is not the same as the toxic pasture weed also called ragwort.*
- Purple coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)
- Rattlesnake master (*Eryngium yuccifolium*)
- Harry Lauder's walking stick (*Corylus avellana 'Contorta'*)*

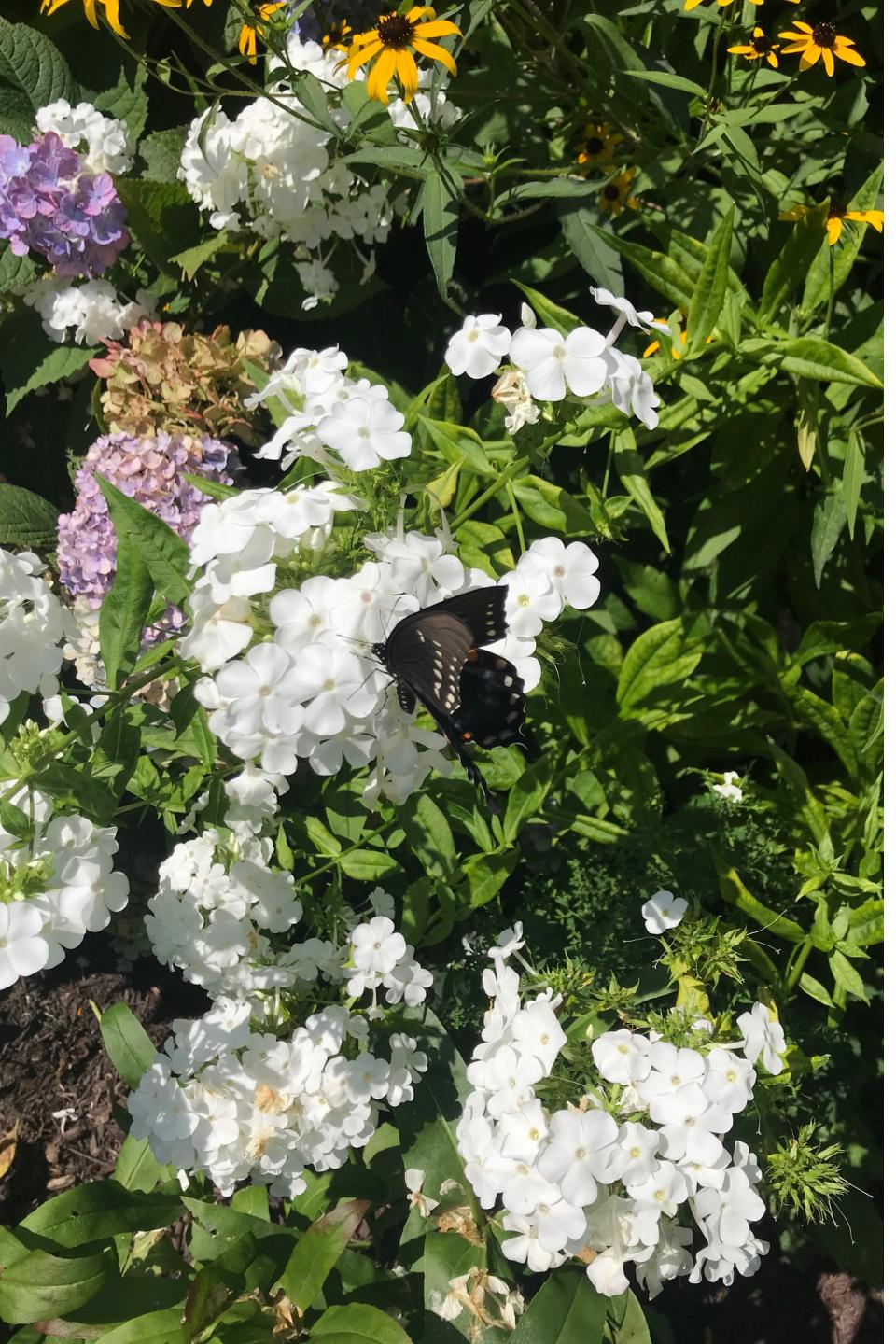
Oakleaf hydrangea (*Hydrangea quercifolia*)



Bringing in the bugs

- Thin leaf coneflower (*Rudbeckia tri-lobata* L.)
- Swamp rose mallow or hibiscus: (*Hibiscus moscheutos*)
- Milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*)





Butterfly landing....

- Phlox
 - Hydrangea*
 - Thin leaf coneflower
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- And a black swallowtail butterfly!



Native honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*)



Springtime...just getting started

Again, a combination of native and perennials (and two annuals!)

- Natives are: amsonia, wild ginger, phlox, rhododendron
- Perennials: tree peony, allium, hosta, grasses
- Annuals: mandevilla (or dipladenia) and dahlias



Combination of texture, color, height

Natives

- Sea holly (*Eryngium 'Big Blue'*)
- Tall anemone (*Anemone virginiana*)
- Joe Pye weed (*Eutrochium purpureum*)

Non-Natives

- Day lilies