

Hosted Species



Wavy-lined Emerald
(*Synchlora aerata*)



Silvery Checkerspot
(*Chlosyne nycteis*)

This species is a valuable nectar plant for many other insects in the summer and fall.



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Purple Coneflower
(*Echinacea purpurea*)

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Range of Purple Coneflower in the United States and Canada.



Prairie

Habitat

Purple Coneflower is found in open areas with full sun to partial shade and well-drained soil such as roadsides, prairies, barrens, fields, and meadows.

Description

Purple Coneflower is a perennial that grows from 3 to 4 feet tall. The alternate, simple, entire to serrate, lanceolate leaves grow up to 3-6 inches in length and 1-3 inches wide. The purple, pink, white, orange, or yellow flowers bloom from June to September.



Alternative Names

Eastern Purple Coneflower,
Echinacea, Coneflower

Hardy in Zones: 3-8

Taxonomy and Name

Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*) was originally described and named by Carl von Linnaeus in *Species Plantarum* (1753) as *Rudbeckia purpurea*. In 1794, Conrad Moench, a German botanist, renamed it to its current name. It is a member of the Aster Family (Asteraceae).



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