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Ohio Goldenrod and Aster Bloom

The last nectar of the year, and the most important. Goldenrods and asters are what fuel the southbound monarch flight and what the bumblebee queens feed on before they overwinter. Goldenrod does not cause hay fever — its pollen is heavy and insect-carried — and ragweed, which does, flowers at exactly the same time.

Why this group has its own gauge

It is the only bloom group still lit in October. The chart above carries 10 species, sliced out of the full 54-row bloom chart.

The rows on this chart

Species	In season	Peak	Where
Joe-Pye Weed	20 July – 15 September	15 August	wet meadows, stream edges and wood borders
Ironweed	25 July – 20 September	20 August	wet pastures, ditches and field edges
Boneset	1 August – 25 September	25 August	wet meadows and ditches
Cardinal Flower	1 August – 25 September	28 August	stream banks, wet ditches and pond edges
Great Blue Lobelia	5 August – 1 October	1 September	wet ground, seeps and stream edges
Canada Goldenrod	5 August – 10 October	5 September	old fields, roadsides — the dominant plant of an abandoned Ohio field
Stiff Goldenrod	15 August – 5 October	10 September	dry prairie remnants and plantings
New England Aster	25 August – 25 October	25 September	moist meadows, roadsides and plantings
Aromatic Aster	5 September – 5 November	5 October	dry banks, limestone ground and plantings
Common Ragweed	5 August – 5 October	1 September	disturbed ground, field margins, construction lots

Where this sits

The full picture is on [Ohio flower bloom times](#), which carries every group on one chart. Each mark on the breadcrumb strip at the top of the site links to the page for its own group.