Partial Sun/Shade Planter Box

- Goldenrod
- Big Bluestem
- Smooth Blue Aster
- Purple Coneflower

Ideal design for individuals with limited space or no yard

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This landscape design is suited for partial sun and dry conditions in prairie and foothills ecoregions. Tallest plants are in the center with decreasing height to the edge.

One of the biggest threats birds face is habitat loss. Planting native plants is a simple but powerful way to help birds. Native gardens not only provide food and shelter for, they also conserve water and eliminate chemical fertilizers and pesticides.

Audubon Rockies’s Habitat Hero program provides people, businesses, and cities with the resources to create bird habitat in their own communities.

Learn how you can plant a better world for birds and people at rockies.audubon.org/habitat-hero.

Easy as 1, 2, 3, BEE!

1. **PLANT**
   - Goldenrod, blue aster, and big bluestem seeds should be spread just below the surface of the soil in late fall or early spring.
   - Purple coneflower seed should be planted deep below the soil surface in late fall.

2. **FEED**
   - Be sure the planter is exposed to partial sunlight most of the day.
   - Keep soil moist starting early spring until germination. Water only when soil looks dry. Watering is minimal after germination, do not overwater.
   - Fertilizer is not necessary as these plants thrive in this eco-region.

3. **MAINTAIN**
   - Goldenrod and Blue aster are late summer/fall bloomers.
   - Allow aster to spill over outside of planter box.
   - Big bluestem should not be cut lower than 8 inches.
   - Maintenance should be minimal.

4. **BEE**
   - Sit back and enjoy watching birds, pollinators, and other wildlife take advantage of your bright blooms.
   - Pat yourself on the back for being an environmentally aware and sustainable leader in your community.

All information on pollinators and birds is from USDA and National Audubon Society.