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# PLANT A GOLDEN BANQUET

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CANADA GOLDENROD AND BUMBLE BEE (INSET)  
AT RED MILL FARM PRESERVE, SAN JUAN ISLAND

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Looking for a beneficial plant to brighten your backyard landscape in late summer and fall? The spiky, rich yellow blooms of Canada goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis*) could be just the ticket.

When you plant a native wildflower like C. goldenrod, you don't just plant a flower, you help build a life-giving future for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators. Goldenrod provides a nutritious banquet for 59 known species of butterfly and moth caterpillars in our region, as well as specialist bees that depend on its pollen and chemical makeup to reproduce. With a long blooming period, goldenrod provides much-needed, late-season nectar for our island pollinators.

At a time where 83 percent of land in the United States is privately owned, those who are privileged enough to own land can have a huge collective impact. Landscaping and gardening in a way that strengthens natural ecosystems is ever more important.

If you've fallen in love with this perennial powerhouse or with native plants in general, you're in luck! You can purchase plants online September 10–17 during the Salish Seeds Project's annual fall wildflower sale. For more info and to place an order, visit: [sjpt.org/salish-seeds-plant-sale](https://sjpt.org/salish-seeds-plant-sale)

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