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PLANT A
GOLDEN
BANQUET

DEAR PARTNER IN CONSERVATION,

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 a 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. Over millennia, goldenrod has evolved alongside a diversity of insects, including specialist bees that depend on its pollen and chemical makeup to reproduce. With a long blooming period, goldenrod also provides late summer nectar for our island pollinators.

In a time where 8 of land in the U.S. is privately owned—it matters what species of plants we choose to grow. Landscaping and gardening in a way that strengthens the biological cycle 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. Visit: sjclandbank.org/the-salish-seeds-project-bringing-back-island-wildflowers/

For more ideas on caring for your land in the San Juan Archipelago (and beyond), go to:
sjpt.org/your-backyard

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