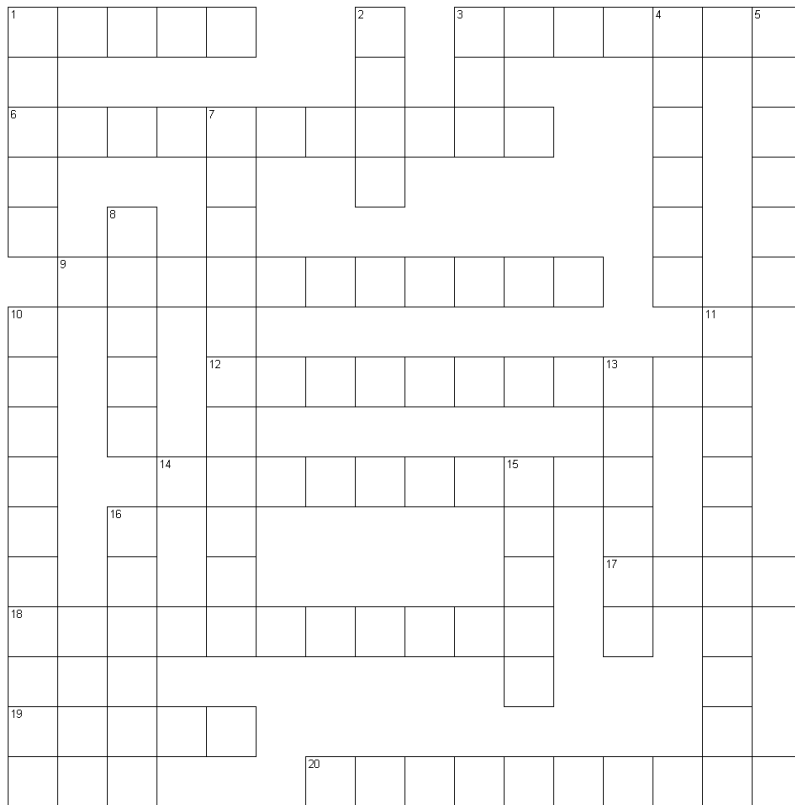


Crossword Puzzle



1. Many people feed these critters and look for them to announce spring is near.
2. We in the Twin Cities are in number 4; popular shorthand for what plants grow as perennials in a region.
3. This fern doesn't really stick its head in the sand.
4. A perennial warm-season bunchgrass, it has a nut-brown seed head and can reach a height of 7-8 feet.
5. With #19, this plant is a bird, bee, and butterfly magnet.
6. This "master"-ful native plant looks like it should be growing further south.
7. This wetland plant originally from Europe and Asia has become a serious invasive in MN.
8. Retains moisture, helps exclude weeds, and improves soil quality.
9. This shrub blooms in the spring on catkins and is a fuzzy favorite for moist soils.
10. We try not to call insects "good" or "bad," but we do prefer to see these kinds in the garden.
11. This native shrub carries its seeds in an attractive papery inflated-looking capsule.
12. This butterfly has distinctive black and yellow striped markings on its body.
13. A common pest insect with a soft body it feeds on plants by sucking out plant juices and comes in many colors.
14. This member of the pea family was imported in the 1950s for use as a groundcover and bank stabilizer, and is now considered an alien invader.
15. This term refers to the physical condition of soil relative to the ease of plant growth. Native plants with extensive root systems can improve it.
16. This Jack "preaches" from his _____ in woodland settings.
17. These guys seem to prefer cultivars to natives, another reason to grow them.
18. This native provides attractive vertical interest to the garden with its white spike-like flowers and whorls of deep green leaves.
19. With #5, this plant of the mint family reseeds easily and has been used medicinally for coughs.
20. This insect, with its rapidly beating wings, is sometimes mistaken for a hummingbird. It feeds on plant nectar with a long proboscis at dawn and dusk.

Crossword Puzzle Answers: 1. birds, 2. zone, 3. ostrich, 4. indian, 5. hyssop, 6. rattlesnake, 7. loosestrife, 8. mulch, 9. pussy willow, 10. beneficial, 11. bladdernut, 12. swallowtail, 13. aphids, 14. crown vetch, 15. tilth, 16. pulpit, 17. deer, 18. culver's root, 19. anise, 20. sphinx moth