

## This Week in the Whittier Pollinator Garden

A snapshot of what's happening in the garden this week.

Week of May 8, 2017

We had just enough rain and plenty of sunshine this week, so the native plants in the Pollinator Garden are all thriving, including the Butterfly Weed that we just planted this week. As its name suggests it is a wonderful plant for attracting butterflies to our garden. Usually it flowers in mid-summer, giving beautiful orange-red blooms to the garden. We hope it likes its new spot in the Pollinator Garden!!!



Newly planted [Asclepias Tuberosa](#), Butterfly Weed.



Iris flowers are fully formed and ready to open soon.



The first Wild Columbine flower opened this week.

[Aquilegia canadensis](#)



Common Milkweed, [Asclepias Syriaca](#), is peeking up through the ground. In the next few weeks we will take a survey of the milkweed to get a baseline count of how

many plants we have. For now, only a few have appeared.