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My husband and I own Bee Outsude, a beekeeping supply store. We usually have around 7 active bee hives, and this got me very interested in native insects and birds, I began raising perennial and annual flowers and many natives from seed about 8 years ago. I also buy them as plants from local nurseries. As an example, I currently have a native thistle blooming from seeds started outside a year ago January. The are to replace the non-native and extremely invasive thistle we usually see. This native thistle is very silver, the blooms are a gorgeous salmon, and they will attract native birds and insects. Natives are often drought tolerant, don't need artificial feeding, and more beautiful than one may first realize. I try to educate our customers as they visit our store, where we reside. They love seeing so many plants they didn't know were so easy to raise. Thank you.