

Planting for Pollinators

1. Add diversity!

Pollinators each have their own unique preferences, whether they be learned preferences or innate preferences. Appeal to a wider array of pollinators by including flowers of different colors, shapes, sizes, heights, species, etc. Make sure you have plants with different bloom times in your garden so it is attractive to pollinators in every season!

2. Be sustainable!

To best support our native wildlife, we should remember the following:

- Plant NATIVES
- Leave the leaves
- Collect rainwater
- Compost
- Use organic
- Reduce pollution
- Buy local
- Don't mosquito spray

3. Go big!

Pollinators are always looking to conserve energy. They want to get the biggest reward with the least amount of effort. When they see a larger group of flowers, it signals to them that there is a larger reward!

4. Get a little messy!

Don't be afraid to let your garden take the lead! Plants know what's best for them and will naturally grow the way they like. Remember to maintain, not detain!

5. Stay aware!

Observe and evaluate your garden. Each new season is a season for growth and improvement!! Notice how you can better support your local pollinators by seeing what they like the best and what they avoid.