

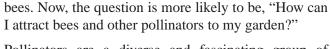
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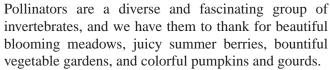
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Priority: Pollinators

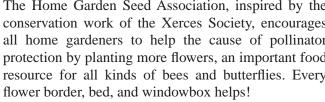
Honeybees have been disappearing in record numbers, and they are not the only pollinators that are imperiled. Some butterflies and native bees have experienced significant population declines also, says Eric Mäder, Assistant Pollinator Program Director for the Xerces Society.

It was just a few years ago that homeowners were asking what they could plant that would not attract





The Home Garden Seed Association, inspired by the conservation work of the Xerces Society, encourages all home gardeners to help the cause of pollinator protection by planting more flowers, an important food resource for all kinds of bees and butterflies. Every



Visit www.bringbackthepollinators.org and sign the Pollinator Protection Pledge. You can also order a Pollinator Habitat sign for your garden.



FACTS

- Flowers clustered in clumps of at least four feet in diameter are more attractive to pollinators than scattered individual flowers.
- A succession of flowering plants that lasts from spring through fall will support a range of bee species.
- Flowers of different shapes will attract different types of pollinators.
- Pesticides are a major threat to insect pollinators.

Pollinator Habitat

The value, in dollars, of pollinators' services to our food business is estimated to be upwards of \$4 billion—nothing to sneeze at!



How to Grow a Pollinator Garden from Seed

Now is the time to plan for a bounty of pollen plants that will help pollinators in your region thrive from spring through fall.

Early spring: Where winters are cold, pollinators rely on blooming trees in spring, but early-blooming flowering plants provide additional resources.

Late spring through summer: Choices abound! Many pollinator favorites are annuals that can be easily, and inexpensively, grown from seed.

Late summer into fall: Sunflowers, agastache, herbs, and marigolds supplement late blooming perennials in sustaining pollinators into the fall.

Bee and Butterfly Plants You Can Grow Easily from Seed







Viola

Wallflower

EARLY-BLOOMING POLLINATOR PLANTS (Bloom time may differ, depending on location)

Agrostemma Clover Pea Baby Blue Eyes Dianthus Poppy

Bishop's Flower/ Ammi majus Larkspur Sweet Alyssum

California poppy
Cerinthe
Chives
Lupine
Mustards
Osteospermum

Clarkia Parsley

MID-SEASON POLLINATOR PLANTS

Bachelor's buttonCilantroLovageBasilConeflower/ EchinaceaMonardaBlack-eyed SusanCosmosPortulaca

Blanketflower/ Gaillardia Dill Squash, Pumpkin

Borage Feverfew Thyme

Butterfly Flower/ Asclepias Foxglove Tickseed/ Coreopsis

Calendula Lavender

LATE-BLOOMING POLLINATOR PLANTS

Agastache Marigold Sunflower
Amaranth Mexican sunflower/ Tithonia Zinnia

Cleome Salvia Dahlia Scabiosa