

Healthy Pollinators and Pollinator Habitats

Why is pollinator habitat important?

Pollinators are essential to both agricultural and natural systems. These hard-working animals help pollinate over 75% of our flowering plants, and nearly 33% of our food crops. Pollinator habitat is essential to support a healthy and thriving ecosystem. There are some simple things you can do at home to encourage pollinator diversity and abundance.

How can you help?

If you have an interest in gardening, or a willingness to learn, you can plant wildflowers, milkweeds and other beneficial plants. You can make your voice heard by encouraging parks managers and public officials to consider creating pollinator habitat in public areas. You can support research efforts to track pollinator population and monarch migration each year. Or you can contribute to any number of organizations that are driving programs supporting pollinator conservation.



Every region is different. To get started, visit US Fish and Wildlife's website (<http://www.fws.gov/pollinators>) to find out more information.

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We encourage you to help improve habitat for monarch butterflies, bees, and other pollinators. You can find resources and more information on collaborative efforts to support pollinator health at the following websites:

The American Beekeeping Federation is a national organization with over 1,200 members that continually works in the interest of all beekeepers, large or small, and those associated with the industry to ensure the future of the honey bee.
abfnet.org

The American Honey Producers Association is an organization dedicated to promoting the common interest and general welfare of the American Honey Producer.
ahpanet.com

Discover Monsanto highlights how Monsanto is working with others to develop a broad range of solutions to help farmers grow food sustainably.
discover.monsanto.com

The Honey Bee Health Coalition's mission is to collaboratively implement solutions that will help to achieve a healthy population of honey bees while also supporting healthy populations of native and managed pollinators in the context of productive agricultural systems and thriving ecosystems.
honeybeehealthcoalition.org

Monarch Joint Venture works throughout the U.S. to conserve and protect monarch populations and their migratory phenomena by implementing science-based habitat conservation and restoration measures in collaboration with multiple stakeholders.
monarchjointventure.org

Monarch Watch is a nonprofit education, conservation, and research program working to create, conserve, and protect monarch habitats. Sustaining monarch habitats will have the effect of protecting vital pollinators and other wildlife.
monarchwatch.org

Pheasants Forever is a non-profit conservation organization created to protect and enhance pheasant, quail, and other wildlife populations throughout North America.
pheasantsforever.org

Project Apis M.'s mission is to fund and direct research to enhance the health and vitality of honey bee colonies while improving crop production.
projectapism.org

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is a federal agency whose mission is to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.
fws.gov

