

SUPPORTING OUR NATIVE POLLINATORS

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**BITES OF FOOD IS THANKS TO
POLLINATORS**



WHAT ARE NATIVE POLLINATORS?

Pollinators are animals or insects that move pollen between flowers for fertilization.

Native pollinators are pollinators that naturally occur in Michigan. Nonnative pollinators can take over native pollinator habitat and resources.

WHY ARE NATIVE POLLINATORS SO IMPORTANT?

They are more efficient at pollinating than nonnative pollinators.



**DID YOU KNOW
THE U.S. HAS
ALMOST 4,000
NATIVE BEE
SPECIES?**



They are more diverse which makes them more climate resilient.

They are better for our ecosystem by having evolved with other native species.



WHO ARE OUR NATIVE POLLINATORS?

Native pollinators include many different types of animals, such as:

Moths



Bees



Birds



Wasps



Flies



Butterflies



Beetles



Small mammals



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WAYS TO SUPPORT NATIVE POLLINATORS



PLANT NATIVE PLANTS

Native plants provide nectar, pollen, shelter, and nesting sites for native pollinators. Planting even one native plant, such as butterfly milkweed or purple coneflower, greatly helps all pollinators. Follow our QR code below for resources on Oakland County's native plants.



SET OUT A BEE BATH

Setting out a bee bath provides much need fresh water for our pollinators. To allow for bees to safely drink water, take a shallow dish and line the bottom with small pebbles. Fill the dish with fresh water just below the top of the pebbles.



CREATE A POLLINATOR NESTING HOUSE

Pollinator houses provide cavities for native bees to live and lay eggs. Take a container, like a tin can, and fill it with paper straws, cardboard tubes, or bamboo shoots. **Make sure you maintain pollinator houses yearly** by changing out the straws/tube cavities in spring after they emerge. Follow our QR code below for step-by-step instructions on how to create your own pollinator house.



By providing housing for pollinators, clean water, and native flowering vegetation, you are helping a great deal with the plight of our pollinators.

