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LOGAN'S GARDEN SHOP POLLINATOR GARDEN GUIDE

Pollinators worldwide are in decline. Habitat loss, invasive species, parasites, and pesticides are largely to blame. Here's how to help:



Pollinator Gardens Tips

Plant native flowering plants in your garden. Reference the list on the next page.

Reduce the size of your lawn and replace with native blooming plants.

Provide water for pollinators by filling a shallow birdbath with gravel or creating a muddy patch in a corner of your yard.

Attract hummingbirds by planting dense shrubs for nesting and native plants with bright red and orange tubular flowers for food. Supplement as needed with a nectar feeder.

Most native bees are solitary and lay eggs in tiny tunnels in dead trees, fallen branches, hollow stems, or in sandy soil.

Leave standing dead trees, fallen logs, and bare patches of sandy soil. You can even put out a bee house filled with nesting tubes.

Butterflies need special "host plants" as food for their caterpillars. Monarchs, for example, rely on only one host plant, milkweed, so planting it will provide essential habitat.

Don't Use Pesticides

Insects are a sign of a healthy garden, and an important food source for birds. No need to spray!

Attract ladybugs, predatory wasps and other natural enemies of pests. Native plants attract these beneficial pest predators.

Hand-pick pests if you have an infestation or wash them off with a stream of water from a hose.

Use only organic or natural pest deterrents such as soap, garlic and chili pepper.

Avoid chemical pesticides, especially neonicotinoid insecticides and "weed killers" that eliminate the pollen and nectar plants pollinators need.

Pollinators are themselves important food sources for other wildlife. Countless birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians eat the protein and fat-rich eggs, larvae, or adult forms of pollinators, or feed them to their young. Pollinators play a critical role in the food supply for wildlife and people!

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