

POLLINATORS



Enabling our farms, prairies, forests, and gardens to be fruitful.

To thrive, bees, butterflies, and other pollinators depend on clean water and diverse habitats free of insecticides.



Pollinators play a critical role in ecosystems and farms worldwide by pollinating 80% of the world's flowering plants and crops that could not survive without their help.

Pollinator populations have sharply declined due to habitat loss and fragmentation, climate change, disease, insecticides, and parasites.

What Can We Do to Help Pollinators?

Plant Pollinator Friendly Vegetation

Gardens with diverse native plants replicate Minnesota's natural ecosystems, providing abundant habitat resources year-round.

Plant a "Bee Lawn"

Yards containing native fescue grass and low-growing flowers provide food resources and are easy to maintain.

Provide Shelter

Trees, shrubs, tall grass, rock piles, and dead vegetation provide cover from storms and predators.

Maintain Winter Cover

Pollinator eggs, larva, and adults often overwinter in the stems of dead grasses and wildflowers. Leave these standing over winter and well into spring.

Provide Water Sources

Installing a moving water feature provides a constant source of clean water that attracts many wildlife species.

Eliminate Insecticides

Because insecticides are toxic to insect pollinators, eliminating their use outdoors ensures a safer habitat.

