



#PlantsDoThat For Pollinators!

Gardens and nursery plants play an important role in pollinator conservation.

More Flowers = More Pollinators
Gardens planted with more flowering plants attract more species of bees and butterflies.¹

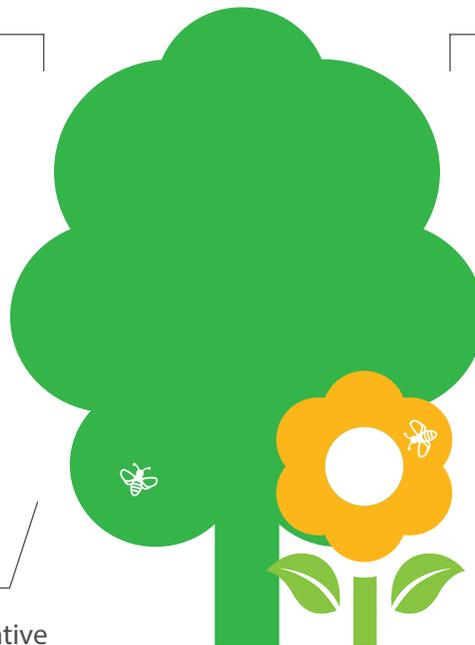
Habitat Happens
Gardens provide pollinators with a diversity of nesting opportunities.⁴

Build Pollinator Diversity
Gardens often contain more abundant and diverse bee communities, compared to nearby natural or agricultural areas.²

Don't Forget the Trees
Many common street trees are important sources of nectar and pollen for pollinators.⁵

Mix It Up!
A variety of native and non-native garden plants can attract pollinators to your garden.³

Discover New Species
At least 213 bee species have been collected from a garden. These include new species that had been undescribed by science before they were seen in a garden.⁶



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