

Pollinator Resources

Roughly 80 percent of the world's plant species require wildlife assisted pollination. Pollinated agricultural crops account for approximately 10 billion dollars annually in the United States. Pollinator decline is generally linked to habitat and forage loss and destruction of nectar corridors. Landowners can help by supporting and planting native plant species which are beneficial to pollinators.

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[Bee Basics: An Introduction to Our Native Bees](#)

A beautifully illustrated guide to native bees in North America. Provides detailed information about our native bees' heritage, morphology, life history, and identification. This information is important for land conservation because "native pollinators, especially bees other than honey bees... continue to do the yeomen's share of pollination, especially when it comes to native plants.. even in today's vastly altered landscapes."

From the [USDA Forest Service](#)

[Pollinators in Natural Areas, A Primer on Habitat Management \(Xerces\)](#)

"As one of the most widespread and important ecosystem services in terrestrial environments, plant pollination by insects is essential to human health, global food webs, and protection of biodiversity. Despite the recognized importance of pollination services, there is a growing body of evidence that suggests pollinators are at risk."

From [The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation](#)

[Selecting Plants for Pollinators \(pollinator.org\)](#)

A Regional Guide for Farmers, Land Managers, and Gardeners in the Central Appalachian Broadleaf Forest Coniferous Forest Meadow Province. Includes the states of: Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and parts of: Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee.

By [NAPPC and Pollinator Partnership](#)

[Farming For Bees \(Xerces\)](#)

"The purpose of these guidelines is to provide information about native bees and their habitat requirements so that farmer can manage the land around their fields to provide the greatest advantage for these crop pollinators."

From [The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation](#)

[Wildflower Meadow for Wildlife and Pollinators \(USDA\)](#)

"This job sheet is provided as a component of a resource conservation plan. This practice may be applied to land taken out of agricultural production and dedicated to wildlife and pollinators."

By [United States Department of Agriculture](#)

[Nests for Native Bees \(Xerces\)](#)

"This fact sheet gives information on how to provide nest sites for native bees, including nest blocks and bare ground for solitary-nesting bees, and nesting boxes for bumble bees."

From [The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation](#)