

# PERFECT POLLINATORS

75% of all plants require pollination with insects, such as butterflies and bees. Pollinating insects are responsible for every 3rd bite of food we eat. They are important to a plants health and well being, as well as the right amount of light, water and nutrients.

### Food, Shelter and Water

Flowering plants like Russian sage, coneflowers, and catmint will bring the bees. Butterflies are attracted to plants such as petunias, lantana and milkweed. These plants provide nectar and food for our flying friends. Shrubs and grasses are perfect for providing much needed shelter against predators. Make sure to have a water source. Shallow bowls and bird baths work well.

#### Tips to create the best habitat:

- Bright colors
- Nectar and pollen-rich plants
- Variety of bloom times



#### **Integrated Pest Management**

When planning and planting your pollinators take into consideration the pest management. Use pollinator safe products and be mindful of environmental effects. Read labels and follow directed usage, including the amounts to apply. When treating for insect pests always consider all methods of pest control.



## OUR FAVORITE POLLINATORS FOR BEES & BUTTERFLIES

Asters

Perennials (Come back every year)

Butterfly Bush

Butterfly Milkweed

Bee Balm

Coneflower

**Russian Sage** 

Salvia

Tall Garden Sedum



Annuals (Plant each year)

Alyssum

Cosmos

Dahlia





Lantana

Pentas

Salvia

Verbena

Zinnia





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