



TIPS TO HELP YOU BEE A FRIEND TO POLLINATORS

- 1 Create suitable habitat:** Use a diverse mixture of pollinator-friendly wildflowers, shrubs, and trees such as rosemary, willow, monarda sunflowers and asters, which provide pollen or nectar throughout the growing season. Diverse plant colors, shapes, and scents attract a variety of fluttering friends.
- 2 Hang a bee box:** Create a nesting box for bees so they will have somewhere to lay their eggs.
- 3 Plant milkweed:** Milkweed helps Monarch butterflies and caterpillars survive. It is also a valued nectar source for other important pollinators like bees, beneficial wasps and beetles.
- 4 Avoid or limit pesticides:** If you use pesticides, use them responsibly and always follow the label, paying particular attention to label language related to endangered species.
- 5 Accept cosmetic plant damage:** Since host plants for butterfly caterpillars are eaten by the larvae, some plant damage should be expected on leaves and flowers where the young pollinators feed. Host plant use is a reason to celebrate.
- 6 Provide clean water for pollinators:** Use a shallow dish, bowl, or birdbath with half-submerged stones for perches.
- 7 Leave dead tree trunks:** Leave them in your landscape for wood-nesting bees and beetles, as long as they don't pose a risk to people and structures.
- 8 Support land conservation in your community:** Help to create and maintain community gardens and green spaces to ensure pollinators have appropriate habitat.