

Invite

POLLINATORS

to your home



Monarch Butterfly on Milkweed. Photo: Steve DuBois

Welcome Pollinators To Your Yard!

- Attract insect pollinators, including native bees, honey bees, beetles, flies, moths, and butterflies.
- Enhance your garden with a variety of colorful flowers and textures. Small flower gardens and even pots of flowers can make a difference.
- Native shrubs like chokecherry, potentilla, and serviceberry support pollinators, are adapted to our climate, and require less care.
- Monarch butterflies rely almost exclusively on milkweed plants for their life cycle.

Sphinx Moth



Photo: Steve DuBois

Pollinators Are Important!

- 35% of the world's food crops depend on animal pollinators to reproduce.
- Three-fourths of all flowering plants depend on pollinators.
- Montana is home to over 450 species of native bees.

Bumble Bee on Bee Balm



Photo: Steve DuBois

Turn over for a **RECIPE** to attract **POLLINATORS** to your yard.

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Recipe for inviting

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Ingredients:

- Abundant perennial flowers with a variety of colors, shapes, sizes and bloom times
- Native plants for native bees
- Water: a shallow dish
- Nesting sites for bees

 = water-wise plants

Western Tiger Swallowtail

Photo: Steve DuBois



Other good plants: Milkweed, Smooth Blue Aster, Sunflower, Lupine

Directions:

- Plant large patches of colorful, nectar rich flowers. Mix in larval host plants to attract caterpillars.
- Group multiple plants of the same species.
- Plant varieties to provide all season blooms.
- Stop unnecessary pesticide use.
- Leave small patches of bare soil for ground-nesting bees.
- Provide nesting sites: bee houses, stem bundles, wood blocks with holes drilled.



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