

Attract Beneficial Bugs!

Key Points for Protection of Pollinators and Beneficial Insects

Think of your garden as habitat! Reduce or eliminate pesticide use; even “safe” products can be harmful to beneficial insects. Incorporate blooming plants into your landscape and vegetable garden for year round bloom. Use native plants; they are recognizable to native insects. Use plants from the Asteraceae (Daisy), Lamiaceae (Mint) and Apiaceae (Carrot) families.



Websites

Bumblebee Conservation bumblebeeconservation.org/gardening_for_bumblebees.htm

Farmer Fred farmerfredrant.blogspot.com/2010/07/plants-that-attract-beneficial-insects.html

Pollinator Partnership pollinator.org/

Pollinator Pathway pollinatorpathway.com/

Xerces Society xerces.org/

Books

Attracting Native Pollinators: Protecting North America's Bees and Butterflies

The Xerces Society Paperback, \$25 members, \$30 nonmembers

Managing Alternative Pollinators: A Handbook for Beekeepers, Growers, and Conservationists

Eric Mader, Marla Spivak, and Elaine Evans

The Butterflies of Cascadia

Robert Michael Pyle

Befriending Bumble Bees

Elaine Evans, Ian Burns and Marla Spivak

Insects of the Pacific Northwest

Peter Haggard, Judy Haggard

Citizen Science

Great Sunflower Project greatsunflower.org

Bumble Bee Watch bumblebeewatch.org

Urban Pollination Project nwpollination.org

Pollinator Pathway pollinatorpathway.com

Dragonfly Pond Watch xerces.org/dragonfly-migration/pondwatch

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Lady Beetle

Carrot Family: Angelica, Cilantro and Fennel

Daisy Family: Cosmos, Dandelion, Echinacea and Marigold

Mint Family: Ajuga, Mint, Lavender, Oregano, Thyme

Other: Nasturtium, Penstemon and Statice



Green Lacewing

Carrot Family: Angelica, Cilantro and Fennel

Daisy Family: Coreopsis, Cosmos, Rudbeckia, Yarrow

Pea Family: Clover and Alfalfa



Anise Swallowtail Butterfly

Carrot Family: Fennel, Parsley and Queen Anne's Lace

Daisy Family: Echinacea, Rudbeckia, Zinnia

Other: Rue



Parasitoid Wasp Carrot Family: Dill, Fennel, and Lovage

Daisy Family: Cosmos, Marigold, Yarrow, and Zinnia

Mint Family: Lemon Balm, Mint, Thyme

Other: Alyssum, Lobelia, Potentilla



Hoverfly Carrot Family: Dill, Cilantro, Fennel, and Queen Anne's Lace

Daisy Family: Aster, Chrysanthemum, Rudbeckia, Marigold, Yarrow and Zinnia

Mint Family: Ajuga, Lavender, Lemon Balm, Mint, Monarda, Thyme

Other: Allium, Amaranth, Buckwheat, Goldenrod, Lobelia, Penstemon, Sedum



Native Bumble Bee

Daisy Family: Bachelor's Button, Calendula, Dahlia, Echinacea, Goldenrod, Sunflower

Mint Family: Catnip, Lavender, Monarda, Mint, Oregano, Thyme

Borage Family: Borage, Comfrey, Forget-Me-Not, Heliotrope Phacelia

Other: Penstemon, Rose, Salvia



Honey Bee

Daisy Family: Aster, Calendula, Cornflower, Echinops, Marigold and Sunflower

Mint Family: Lavender, Monarda, Oregano, Rosemary and Thyme

Other: Clematis, Crocus, Hebe, Poppy, Sedum, Snapdragon



Leaf Cutter Bee

Daisy Family: Goldenrod and Sunflower

Mint Family: Lavender

Other: Legumes, Penstemon, Phacelia



Soldier Beetle Carrot Family: Eryngium and Queen Anne's Lace

Daisy Family: Echinops, Echinacea, Goldenrod, Helianthus, Marigold, Zinnia

Mint Family: Winter Savory



Woodland Skipper Butterfly

Daisy Family: Aster, Dandelion, Marigold, Rudbeckia and Zinnia

Mint Family: Lavender, Oregano and Sage

Other: Grasses for larvae