

Supporting Minnesota Pollinators

MORE THAN HONEY BEES

There are hundreds of insect pollinators in Minnesota landscapes.

- Bees (honeybees, bumblebees, native bees)
- Flies
- Beetles
- Butterflies
- Moths
- Wasps (*including parasitoid wasps*)

SEASONAL ACTIVITIES

Spring

Prune shrubs & trees (Mar)
Choose plants for your
landscape
Divide perennials
Set out a 'bee hotel'

Summer

Cut back ornamental grasses
Set out a bee bath
Keep your plants healthy
Watch for pollinators

Fall

Keep your leaves
Trim stems to 18-inches
Transplant large perennials
(Sept)
Plant spring bulbs (Oct)

PLANTS TO CONSIDER

- **Bee Lawns** (Ground Plum, Lance-leaf Coreopsis, Self-heal, Calico Aster, Dutch White Clover, Creeping Thyme, Crocus)
- **Shrubs & Trees** (Apple, Basswood, Dogwoods, Lilac, Maple, Willows, Spirea)
- **Native Grasses** (Big Bluestem, Little Bluestem, Lake Sedge, Prairie Dropseed, Sideoats Grama, Switchgrass)
- **Annual Seasonal Flowers** (Marigold, Rudbeckia, Salvia, Snapdragon, Sunflower, Zinnia)
- **Spring Perennial Seasonal Flowers** (Allium, Dutchman's Breeches, Prairie Phlox, Wild Geranium, Wild Lupine, Virginia Waterleaf)
- **Summer Perennial Seasonal Flowers** (Beebalm, Catmint, Coneflower, Coreopsis, Echinops, Giant Hyssop, Purple Prairie Clover)
- **Fall Perennial Seasonal Flowers** (Asters, Blazing Stars, Goldenrod, Joe-Pye Weed, Milkweed, Sedum, Sneezeweed)
- **Fruits & Vegetables** (Herbs, Berries, Broccoli, Melons & Squash, Onions, Peas, Tomatoes)

LEARN MORE WITH THESE RESOURCES

PRO-TIP: Google "site:edu **TOPIC**" (or site:gov) for research-based advice

- ❖ **Plants for Pollinators** <https://extension.umn.edu/lawns-and-landscapes/flowers-pollinators>
- ❖ **Bee Lab** <http://www.beelab.umn.edu>
- ❖ **Extension Program** www.extension.umn.edu/garden/yard-garden

CLASS NOTES

APPLYING THE KNOWLEDGE

Which kinds of pollinators already visit your yard and garden?

What can you do today to make your yard and garden more friendly for pollinators?

Which plants from the presentation do I want to consider adding to yard or garden?