

Be a Pollinator Pal

Consider being a pollinator pal by employing some or all the suggestions listed below:

- 1. Plant flowers that bloom throughout the spring and summer and into the fall.
- 2. Plant flowers and shrubs to create a green corridor connecting with your neighbor's plantings or natural areas. Even plants in pots on balconies and decks will work.
- 3. Provide nesting sites such as bare soil, rotting wood, stacked rocks, even water, to encourage pollinators to move into your yard.
- 4. Reduce or eliminate pesticides and herbicides. If you must use them, spray pesticides at night when pollinators are less active.
- 5. Mow less! Consider leaving a portion of your landscape untended to act as a natural area for pollinators, birds, and other wildlife.
- 6. While out in nature, act with care. A misplaced footstep on bare ground or in fallen leaves can destroy a nest and its inhabitants. If you pick up a rock or log, put it back where you found it; you'll be putting the 'roof' back on something's home.