

Bees and other pollinators are essential to a healthy environment, yet are declining. Around 85% of flowering plants, including many crops, need a pollinator to reproduce. As much as 1/3 of our food supply relies on the work of bees, and pollinators are at the heart of resilient ecosystems.

The **Bring Back the Pollinators** campaign is based on four principles, which you can easily adapt to any location:

- 1 **Grow a variety of pollinator-friendly flowers** to provide the nectar and pollen bees need.
- 2 **Provide shelter.** Ensure there are nest sites for bees, host plants for caterpillars, and places pollinators can overwinter.
- 3 **Avoid using pesticides, especially insecticides,** because they are harmful to pollinators.
- 4 **Spread the word** by talking to your friends and neighbors.

To discover **more** practical information about how you can help to **Bring Back the Pollinators** *and* to sign the Pollinator Protection Pledge, visit [BringBackthePollinators.org](http://BringBackthePollinators.org).

Try these simple ways to encourage others in your community to join you:

- ⇒ **Install a Pollinator Habitat Sign** to let your friends and neighbors know that you're providing a safe place for pollinators.
- ⇒ **The inside of this brochure is a poster.** Put it somewhere visible!
- ⇒ **Tell family, friends, and neighbors** that they can find information and sign the pledge at [BringBackthePollinators.org](http://BringBackthePollinators.org).

## POLLINATOR CONSERVATION RESOURCE CENTER

For in-depth guidance on what you can do to help pollinators, dive into the **Pollinator Conservation Resource Center**. Simply click on your state to access fact sheets, brochures, and more about:

- ⇒ Selecting the best pollinator plants
- ⇒ Planning & creating habitat
- ⇒ Reducing pesticide use
- ⇒ Creating native bee nests
- ⇒ Where to buy native pollinator plants
- ⇒ Bee identification & monitoring

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# FOUR SIMPLE PRINCIPLES TO BRING BACK THE POLLINATORS

1. Grow pollinator-friendly flowers
2. Protect nest sites & host plants
3. Avoid using pesticides
4. Spread the word!

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