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Greater San Diego County



Create habitat for pollinators with a pollinator garden...

A pollinator garden is a **pesticide-free zone** composed of plants that are **native to the region** and **high in nectar production**.

Pollinator gardens support native pollinators by providing...

1. Food

Flowering plants provide food in the form of nectar and pollen.

- Choose plants that are native to your area and high in nectar.
Native plants and pollinators evolved together!
- Choose a variety of flower types with different bloom periods to support a diversity of pollinators throughout the year.
Visit www.calscape.org for garden planning.



2. Shelter

Several features can provide pollinators with protection from weather and predators and give them places to lay eggs.

- **Dead logs** for cavity nesting bees.
30% of native bees nest in cavities!
- **Leaf piles** for butterflies, moths, and bumblebees.
- **Bare, sunny, undisturbed soil** for ground-nesting bees
70% of native bees nest in the ground!



3. Water

Provide a clean, shallow water source for pollinators to drink.

- Fill a shallow dish with water and stones or wine corks to give access to water without the risk of drowning insects.
- If the water gets scummy, don't fear! Algae, organic matter, and built-up minerals add nutrients that pollinators benefit from.



For more information, visit www.rcdsandiego.org/creating-pollinator-habitat