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FOR

POLLINATORS



A REGIONAL GUIDE FOR FARMERS, LAND MANAGERS, AND GARDENERS IN THE



CALIFORNIA COASTAL RANGE OPEN WOODLAND SHRUB CONIFEROUS FOREST MEADOW PROVINCE



INCLUDING THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COASTAL INTERIOR



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WHY SUPPORT POLLINATORS?

IN THEIR 1996 BOOK, THE FORGOTTEN POLLINATORS, Buchmann and Nabhan estimated that animal pollinators are needed for the reproduction of 90% of flowering plants and one third of human food crops. Each of us depends on these industrious pollinators in a practical way to provide us with the wide range of foods we eat. In addition, pollinators are part of the intricate web that supports the biological diversity in natural ecosystems that helps sustain our quality of life.

Abundant and healthy populations of pollinators can improve fruit set and quality, and increase fruit size. In farming situations this increases production per acre. In the wild, biodiversity increases and wildlife food sources increase.

Apples, strawberries, citrus, and cantaloupes are some of the crops raised in the California Coastal Range Open Woodland that rely on honey bees and native bees for pollination. Domestic honey bees pollinate approximately \$10 billion worth of crops in the U.S. each year.

Unfortunately, the numbers of both native pollinators and domesticated bee populations are declining. They are threatened by habitat loss, disease, and the excessive and inappropriate use of pesticides. The loss of commercial bees to Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) has highlighted how severe the issues of proper hive management are to reduce stresses caused by disease, pesticide use, insufficient nutrition, and transportation practices. Currently, the pollination services that the commercial beekeeping industry provides are receiving much needed research and conservation resources. The efforts to understand the threats to commercial bees should help us understand other pollinators and their roles in the environment as well.

It is imperative that we take immediate steps to help pollinator populations thrive. The beauty of the situation is that by supporting pollinators' need for habitat, we support our own needs for food and support diversity in the natural world.

Thank you for taking time to consult this guide. By adding plants to your landscape that provide food and shelter for pollinators throughout their active seasons and by adopting pollinator friendly landscape practices, you can make a difference to both the pollinators and the people that rely on them.

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"FARMING FEEDS THE WORLD, AND WE MUST REMEMBER THAT POLLINATORS ARE A CRITICAL LINK IN OUR FOOD

> -- PAUL GROWALD, CO-FOUNDER, POLLINATOR PARTNERSHIP

GETTING STARTED



THIS REGIONAL GUIDE IS just one in a series of plant selection tools designed to provide information on how individuals can influence pollinator populations through choices they make when they farm a plot of ground, manage large tracts of public land, or plant a garden. Each of us can have a positive impact by providing the essential habitat requirements for pollinators including food, water, shelter, and enough space to allow pollinators to raise their young.

Pollinators travel through the landscape without regard to property ownership or state boundaries. We've chosen to use R.G. Bailey's classification system to identify the geographic focus of this guide and to underscore the connections between climate and vegetation types that affect the diversity of pollinators in the environment.

Bailey's Ecoregions of the United States, developed by the United States Forest Service, is a system created as a management tool and is used to predict responses to land management practices throughout large areas. This guide addresses pollinator-friendly land management practices in what is known as the California Coastal Range Open Woodland - Shrub - Coniferous Forest - Meadow Province.

This 24,900 square mile province comprises the central part of the California Coast Ranges and the mountains of southern California. The Coast Ranges are a mosaic of shale, sandstone, and rock ranging from 500 to 2,500 feet, with some peaks rising to 5,000 feet. The mountains are of steeper slope, ranging from 2,000 to 8,000 feet, with some peaks reaching 12,000 feet. The climate is characterized by rainy, mild winters and hot, dry summers with annual temperatures in the Coast Range averaging from 53° to 65°F, and falling between 32° to 60°F with rising mountain elevations. Average annual rainfall ranges from 12 to 40 inches and also increases with elevation.

This province is characterized by montane vegetation with thick, hard evergreen leaves. Sclerophyll forest, and shrub mixture, called chaparral cover the region in alternating patches. The sclerophyll forest contains oak, laurel, madrone, chinkapin and bayberry, among other deciduous trees and shrubs. Chaparral consists of diverse species but is dominated by chamise and manzanita and is interspersed with coniferous forests near the ocean and at higher elevations.

Interior valleys of sagebrush and grassland are also home to broadleaf species along riparian forest streams.

Long before there were homes and farms in this area, the original, natural vegetation provided continuous cover and adjacent feeding opportunities for wildlife, including pollinators. In choosing plants, aim to create habitat for pollinators that allow adequate food shelter, and water sources. Most pollinators have very small home ranges. You can make a difference by understanding the vegetation patterns of the farm, forest, or neighbor's yard adjacent to you and by making planting choices that support the pollinators' need for food and shelter as they move through the landscape.

UNDERSTANDING THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL RANGE OPEN WOODLAND

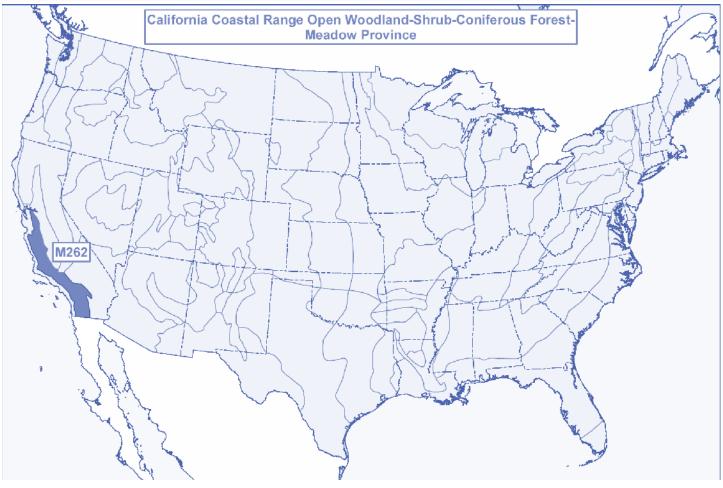


- This region is designated number M262 in the Baileys' Ecosystem Provinces. To see a map of the provinces go to: www.fs.fed.us/colorimagemap/ecoreg1_provinces.html
- Not sure about which bioregion you live or work in? Go to www.pollinator.org and click on Ecoregion Locator for help.
- 24,900 square miles within the central part of the California Coastal ranges and the mountains of southern California.
- Primarily mountainous with nearly continuous montane vegetation.
- **Elevations ranging from 500 feet to 12,000 feet.**
- X Average annual temperature range from 53° to 65°F in the Coast Range and 32° to 60°F in the mountains..
- X Average year-round precipitation between 12-40 inches.
- 🔀 USDA Hardiness Zones 8-10.

CHARACTERISTICS

- X Dominated by alternating patches of sclerophyll forest and chaparral.
- Common tree species include oak, laurel, madrone, chinkapin, bayberry, and pine; chaparral shrubs include chamise, manzanita, Christmasberry, California scrub oak, and mountain mahogany.
- **%** The alteration of natural fire cycles has devastated habitat for a number of species.





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> --LEE MCDANIEL, FARMER AND PRESIDENT, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

MEET THE POLLINATORS



Honeybee on flower.

California Sister butterfly.



WHO ARE THE **POLLINATORS?**

BEES

Bees are well documented pollinators in the natural and agricultural systems of the California Coastal Range Open Woodland. A wide range of crops including apples, strawberries, citrus, and cantaloupes, are just a few plants that benefit from bee pollinators.

Most of us are familiar with the colonies of honey bees that have been the workhorses of agricultural pollination for years in the United States. They were imported from Europe almost 400 years ago.

There are nearly 4000 species of native ground and twig nesting bees in the U.S. Some form colonies while others live and work a solitary life. Native bees currently pollinate many crops and can be encouraged to do more to support agricultural endeavors if their needs for nesting habitat are met and if suitable sources of nectar, pollen, and water are provided. Bees have tongues of varying lengths that help determine which flowers they can obtain nectar and pollen from.

The bumble bee (Bombus spp.) forms small colonies, usually underground. They are generalists, feeding on a wide range of plant material from February to November and are important pollinators of tomatoes. The sweat bee (family *Halictidae*) nests underground. Various species are solitary while others form loose colonies.

Solitary bees include carpenter bees (*Xylocopa* spp.), which nest in wood; digger, or polyester bees (Colletes spp.), which nest underground; leafcutter bees (Megachile spp.), which prefer dead trees or branches for their nest sites; and mason bees (Osmia spp.), which utilize cavities that they find in stems and dead wood. Cactus bees (Diadasia spp.) are also solitary ground nesters.

BUTTERFLIES

Gardeners have been attracting butterflies to their gardens for some time. These insects tend to be eyecatching, as are the flowers that attract them. Position flowering plants where they have full sun and are protected from the wind. Also, you will need to provide open areas (e.g. bare earth, large stones) where butterflies may bask, and moist soil from which they may get needed minerals. By providing a safe place to eat and nest, gardeners can also support the pollination role that butterflies play in the landscape. It might mean accepting slight damage to the plants, known as host plants, that provide food for the larval stage of the butterfly.

A diverse group of butterflies are present in garden areas and woodland edges that provide bright flowers, water sources, and specific host plants. Numerous trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants support butterfly populations.

Butterflies are in the Order Lepidoptera. Some of the species in the California Coastal Range Open



Woodland are Andrew's Marble, California Sister, Gulf Fritillary, Boisduval's Blue, Pale Swallowtail, and American Lady butterflies. They usually look for flowers that provide a good landing platform.

Wet mud areas provide butterflies with both the moisture and minerals they need to stay healthy. Butterflies eat rotten fruit and even dung, so don't clean up all the messes in your garden!

MOTHS

Moths are most easily distinguished from butterflies by their antennae. Butterfly antennae are simple with a swelling at the end. Moth antennae differ from simple to featherlike, but never have a swelling at the tip. In addition, butterflies typically are active during the day; moths at night. Butterfly bodies are not very hairy, while moth bodies are quite hairy and more stout.

Moths, generally less colorful than butterflies, also play a role in pollination. They are attracted to flowers that are strongly sweet smelling, open in late afternoon or night, and are typically white or pale colored.

BEETLES

Over 30,000 species of beetles are found in the United States and many of them can be found on flower heads. Gardeners have yet to intentionally draw beetles to their gardens, possibly because beetle watching isn't as inspiring as butterfly or bird watching. Yet beetles do play a role in pollination. Some have a bad reputation because they can leave a mess behind, damaging plant parts that they eat. Beetles are not as efficient as some pollinators. They wander between different species, often dropping pollen as they go.

Beetle pollinated plants tend to be large, strong scented flowers with their sexual organs exposed. They are known to pollinate Magnolia, sweetshrub (*Calycanthus*), paw paws, and yellow pond lilies.

FLIES

It may be hard to imagine why one would want to attract flies to the garden. However, like beetles, the number of fly species and the fact that flies are generalist pollinators (visit many species of plants), should encourage us all to leave those flies alone and let them do their job as pollinators.

Recent research indicates that flies primarily pollinate small flowers that bloom under shade and in seasonally moist habitats. The National Research Council's *Status of Pollinators in North America* study states that flies are economically important as pollinators for a range of annual and bulbous ornamental flowers.

Plants pollinated by the fly include the American pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*), dead horse arum (*Helicodiceros muscivorus*), skunk cabbage (*Symplocarpus foetidus*), goldenrod (*Solidago* spp.), and members of the carrot family like Queen Anne's lace (*Daucus carota*).

BIRDS

Hummingbirds are the primary birds which play a role in pollination in North America. Their long beaks and tongues draw nectar from tubular flowers. Pollen is carried on both the beaks and feathers of different hummingbirds. The regions closer to the tropics, with warmer climates, boast the largest number of hummingbird species and the greatest number of native plants to support the bird's need for food. White-winged doves (Zenaida asiatica) are also pollinators of the saguaro cactus (Carnegeia gigantea) in the south central United States.

Bright colored tubular flowers attract hummingbirds to gardens throughout the United States. Hummingbirds can see the color red; bees cannot. Scarlet Bugler and "Mama Bear" manzanitas growing in the California Coastal Range Open Woodland attract Calliope hummingbirds as they migrate through the mountains.

BATS

Though bats in the California Coastal Range Open Woodland are not pollinators, bats play an important role in pollination in the other regions of the southwest where they feed on agave and cactus. The long-nosed bats' head shape and long tongue allows it to delve into flower blossoms and extract both pollen and nectar.

PLANT TRAITS

WHICH FLOWERS DO THE POLLINATORS PREFER?

NOT ALL POLLINATORS ARE found in each North American province, and some are more important in different parts of the United States. Use this page as a resource to understand the plants and pollinators where you live.

Plants can be grouped together based on the similar characteristics of their flowers. These floral characteristics can be useful to predict the type of pollination method or animal that is most effective for that group of plants. This association between floral characteristics and pollination method is called a pollination syndrome.

The interactions of animal pollinators and plants have influenced the evolution of both groups of organisms. A mutualistic relationship between the pollinator and the plant species helps the pollinator find necessary pollen and nectar sources and helps the plant reproduce by ensuring that pollen is carried from one flower to another.

Plant					
Trait	Bats	Bees	Beetles		
Color	Dull white, green or purple	Bright white, yellow, blue, or UV	Dull white or green		
Nectar guides	Absent	Present	Absent		
Odor	Strong musty; emitted at night	Fresh, mild, pleasant	None to strongly fruity or fetid		
Nectar	Abundant; somewhat hidden	somewhat Usually present			
Pollen	Ample	Limited; often sticky and scented	Ample		
Flower Shape	Regular; bowl shaped – closed during day	Shallow; have landing platform; tubular	Large bowl-like, Magnolia		

This chart and more information on pollinator syndromes can be found at:



AND THE POLLINATORS THEY ATTRACT

Pollinator

Birds	Butterflies	Flies	Moths	Wind
Scarlet, orange, red or white	Pale and dull to Bright, including red and purple flecked with transluct patches		Pale and dull red, purple, pink or white	Dull green, brown, or colorless; petals absent or reduced
Absent	Present	Absent	Absent	Absent
None	Faint but fresh Putrid		Strong sweet; emitted at night	None
Ample; deeply hidden	Ample; deeply hidden	Usually absent	Ample; deeply hidden	None
Modest	Limited	Limited Modest in amount		Abundant; small, smooth, and not sticky
Large funnel like; cups, strong perch support	Narrow tube with spur; wide landing pad	Shallow; funnel like or complex and trap-like	Regular; tubular without a lip	Regular; small and stigmas exerted

http://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/pollinators/syndromes.shtml

DEVELOPING LANDSCAPE PLANTINGS THAT PROVIDE POLLINATOR HABITAT

WHETHER YOU ARE A FARMER of many acres, land manager of a large tract of land, or a gardener with a small lot, you can increase the number of pollinators in your area by making conscious choices to include plants that provide essential habitat for bees, butterflies, moths, beetles, hummingbirds and other pollinators.

FOOD:

Flowers provide nectar (high in sugar and necessary amino acids) and pollen (high in protein) to pollinators.

Fermenting fallen fruits also provide food for bees, beetles and butterflies. Specific plants, known as host plants, are eaten by the larvae of pollinators such as butterflies.

• Plant in groups to increase pollination efficiency. If a pollinator can visit the same type of flower over and over, it doesn't have to relearn how to enter the flower and can transfer pollen to the same species, instead of squandering the pollen on unreceptive flowers.

• Plant with bloom season in mind, providing food from early spring to late fall. (see Bloom Periods pp.16-17)

- Plant a diversity of plants to support a variety of pollinators. Flowers of different color, fragrance, and season of bloom on plants of different heights will attract different pollinator species and provide pollen and nectar throughout the seasons.
- Many herbs and annuals, although

not native, are very good for pollinators. Mint, oregano, garlic, chives, parsley and lavender are just a few herbs that can be planted. Old fashioned zinnias, cosmos, and single sunflowers support bees and butterflies.

• Recognize weeds that might be a good source of food. For example, dandelions provide nectar in the early spring before other flowers open. Plantain is alternate host for the Baltimore Checkerspot.

• Learn and utilize Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices to address pest concerns. Minimize or eliminate the use of pesticides.

SHELTER:

Pollinators need protection from severe weather and from predators as well as sites for nesting and roosting.

• Incorporate different canopy layers in the landscape by planting trees, shrubs, and different-sized perennial plants.

• Leave dead snags for nesting sites of bees, and other dead plants and leaf litter for shelter.

• Build bee boxes to encourage solitary, non-aggressive bees to nest on your property.

• Leave some areas of soil uncovered to provide ground nesting insects easy access to underground tunnels.

• Group plantings so that pollinators can move safely through the landscape protected from predators.

• Include plants that are needed

by butterflies during their larval development.

WATER:

A clean, reliable source of water is essential to pollinators.

- Natural and human-made water features such as running water, pools, ponds, and small containers of water provide drinking and bathing opportunities for pollinators.
- Ensure the water sources have a shallow or sloping side so the pollinators can easily approach the water without drowning.

Your current landscape probably includes many of these elements. Observe wildlife activity in your farm fields, woodlands, and gardens to determine what actions you can take to encourage other pollinators to feed and nest. Evaluate the placement of individual plants and water sources and use your knowledge of specific pollinator needs to guide your choice and placement of additional plants and other habitat elements. Minor changes by many individuals can positively impact the pollinator populations in your area. Watch for - and enjoy - the changes in your landscape!

• CAUTION: Remember that pesticides are largely toxic to pollinators. Extreme caution is warranted if you choose to use any pesticide. Strategically apply pesticides only for problematic target species.



Apples, strawberries, citrus, and cantaloupes are a few of the food crops in the California Coastal Range Open Woodland that will benefit from strong native bee populations that boost pollination efficiency. Incorporate different plants throughout the farm that provide food for native populations when targeted crops are not in flower.

Farmers have many opportunities to incorporate pollinator-friendly land management practices on their land which will benefit the farmer in achieving his or her production goals:

- Manage the use of pesticides to reduce the impact on native pollinators. Spray when bees aren't active (just after dawn) and choose targeted ingredients.
- Carefully consider the use of

herbicides. Perhaps the targeted weeds can provide needed food for pollinators.

- Minimize tillage to protect ground nesting pollinators.
- Ensure water sources are scattered throughout the landscape.
- Choose a variety of native plants to act as windbreaks, riparian buffers, and field borders throughout the farm.
- Plant unused areas of the farm with temporary cover crops that can provide food or with a variety of trees, shrubs, and flowers that provide both food and shelter for pollinators.
- Check with your local Natural **Resources Conservation Service** (NRCS) office to see what technical and financial support might be available to assist you in your effort to provide nectar, pollen, and larval food sources for pollinators on your farm.



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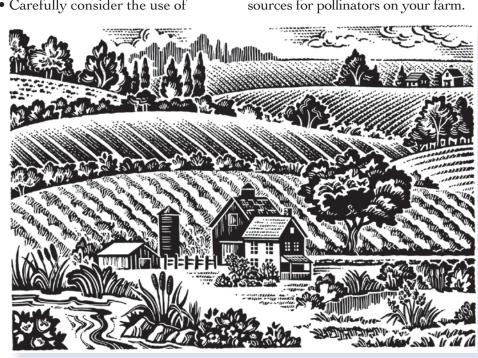
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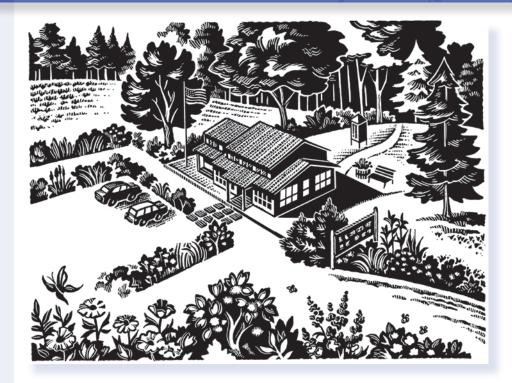
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PUBLIC LANDS

66 FROM **HUMMINGBIRDS** TO BEETLES. TO **BUTTERFLIES**, **NATURE'S POLLINATORS HELP KEEP MIDEWIN'S** TALLGRASS PRAIRIE RESTORATIONS **FULL OF DIVERSE FLOWERING** PLANTS. INSECT MONITORING **PROVIDES A KEY MEASURE OF OUR** SUCCESS.

-- LOGAN LEE PRAIRIE SUPERVISOR, MIDEWIN NATIONAL TALLGRASS PRAIRIE



Public lands are maintained for specific reasons ranging from high impact recreation to conservation. In the California Coastal Range Open Woodland, road building, development projects, and water diversion has caused extensive destruction to habitat. Less disturbed natural areas can be augmented with plantings of native plant species. Existing plantings around buildings and parking areas should be evaluated to determine if pollinator-friendly plants can be substituted or added to attract and support pollinators. Public land managers have a unique opportunity to use their plantings as an education tool to help others understand the importance of pollinators in the environment through signs, brochures, and public programs.

In an effort to increase populations of pollinators the land manager can:

- Inventory and become
- knowledgeable of local pollinators.
- Provide connectivity between vegetation areas by creating corridors of perennials, shrubs, and trees that provide pollinators shelter and food as they move through the landscape.
- Maintain a minimum of lawn areas that support recreational needs.
- Restrict the use of pesticides and herbicides.
- Provide water sources in large open areas.
- Maintain natural meadows and openings that provide habitats for sun-loving wildflowers and grasses.
- Remove invasive species and encroaching shrubs and trees.

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HOME LANDSCAPES

"A GARDEN IS ONLY AS RICH AND BEAUTIFUL AS THE INTEGRAL HEALTH OF THE SYSTEM; POLLINATORS ARE ESSENTIAL TO THE SYSTEM - MAKE YOUR HOME THEIR HOME."

-- DERRY MACBRIDE NATIONAL AFFAIRS AND LEGISLATION CHAIRWOMAN, GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA Gardeners have a wide array of plants to use in their gardens. Native plants, plants introduced from years of plant exploration from around the world, and plants developed by professional and amateur breeders can be found in garden centers, in catalogs, and on web-sites. Use your knowledge of pollinator needs to guide your choices.

- Choose a variety of plants that will provide nectar and pollen throughout the growing season.
- Resist the urge to have a totally manicured lawn and garden. Leave bare ground for ground nesting bees. Leave areas of dead wood and leaf litter for other insects.
- Strive to eliminate the use of all pesticides.

• Find local resources to help you in your efforts. Contact your local county extension agent or native plant society. Visit your regional botanic gardens and arboreta. The scale of your plantings will vary but it is important to remember that you are trying to provide connectivity to the landscape adjacent to your property. Don't just look within your property boundaries. If your neighbor's property provides an essential element, such as water, which can be utilized by pollinators visiting your land, you may be able to devote more space to habitat elements that are missing nearby. It is best to use native plants which have evolved to support the needs of specific native pollinators. Some pollinators, however, are generalists and visit many different plants, both native and non-native. Be sure that any non-native plants you choose to use are not invasive. Remember that specialized cultivars sometimes aren't used by pollinators. Flowers that have been drastically altered, such as those that are double or a completely different color than the wild species, often prevent pollinators from finding and feeding on the flowers. In addition, some altered plants don't contain the same nectar and pollen resources that attract pollinators to the wild types.

• CAUTION: Take time to evaluate the source of your plant material. You want to ensure you get plants that are healthy and correctly identified. Your local native plant society can help you make informed decisions when searching for plants.





BLOOM PERIODS

FOR THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL RANGE OPEN WOODLAND

The following chart lists plants and the time they are in bloom throughout the growing seasons. Choose a variety of flower colors and make sure something is blooming at all times! Note for all charts: When more than one species of the same genus is useful, the genus name is followed by "spp."

Botanical Name	Common Name	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	
Trees & Shrubs										
Acer macrophyllum	Big Leaf Maple			reddish green	reddish green					
Aesculus californica	California Buckeye			pinkish white	pinkish white					
Amorpha californica	California False Indigo				purple	purple				
Arctostaphylos tomentosa	Woollyleaf Manzanita	white	white							
Arctostaphylos uva-ursi	Kinnikinnick		white	white	white					
Ceanothus crassifolius	Hoaryleaf Ceanothus			white	white					
Ceanothus oliganthus	Hairy ceanothus	pale blue	pale blue	pale blue						
Ceanothus thyrsifolius	White Mt. Lilac	white	white	white	white	white				
Cercis occidentalis	Western redbud	pink	pink	pink						
Cornus glabrata	Brown dogwood			white	white					
Dendromecon rigida	Chaparral bush poppy			yellow	yellow	yellow				
Heteromeles arbutifolia	Toyon					white	white	white		
Mahonia nervosa	Cascade Barberry			yellow	yellow					
Mahonia pinnata	Wavyleaf Barberry	yellow	yellow	yellow	yellow					
Prunus illicifolia	Hollyleaf Cherry		white							
Prunus virginiana	Chokecherry		white							
Rhamnus californicus	Coffeberry				greenish	greenish				
Rhus integrifolia	Lemonade sumac					pale pink				
Ribes menziesii	Canyon Gooseberry			maroon - white	maroon - white					
Salix exigua	Narrowleaf Willow			cream white	cream white					
Salix laevigata	Red Willow			cream white	cream white					
Salvia leucophylla	San Luis Purple Sage				lavender	lavender				
Salvia mellifera	Black Sage				white to pale blue	white to pale blue				
Symphoricarpos albus	Common Snowberry				pink	pink				
Trichostema lanatum	Woolly Bluecurls				violet	violet	violet	violet		
				Perennial	Flowers					
Achilea millefolium californica	Yarrow				white	white	white	white		
Aquilegia formosa	Western columbine			red	red	red				
Asclepias californica	California Milkweed					violet				
Asclepias eriocarpa	Wollypod Milkweed					creamy white and pale pinkish white	creamy white and pale pinkish white	creamy white and pale pinkish white		
Asclepias fasicularis	Narrowleaf Milkweed					creamy white	creamy white	creamy white		
Calochortus clavatus pallidus	Yellow mariposa			yellow	yellow	yellow				
Circium californicum	California thistle			pink	pink	pink	pink			

Botanical Name	Common Name	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept
Carkia unguiculata	Elegant clarkia				pink	pink			
Delphinium cardinale	Scarlet Larkspur		dark red	dark red					
Delphinium nudicaule	Red Larkspur		bright red	bright red					
Dicentra chrysantha	Golden eardrops				yellow	yellow	yellow		
Dodecatheon clevelandii	Padre's Shooting Star			pale purple	pale purple				
Eschscholzia californica	California Poppy		orange-yellow	orange-yellow	orange-yellow	orange-yellow			
Eriodictyon californicum	Yerba Santa			lavender pink	lavender pink	lavender pink			
Gilia capitata	Bluehead Gilia			blue	blue				
Helenium puberulum	Rosilla				yellow	yellow	yellow	yellow	
Helianthus gracilentus	Slender Sunflower							yellow with brown center	yellow with brown center
Heterotheca grandiflora	Telegraph Weed			yellow	yellow	yellow	yellow	yellow	yellow
Keckiella antirrhinoides	Chaparral beardtongue			yellow	yellow				
Lathyrus vestitus vestitus	Canyon sweet pea			white to pale pink	white to pale pink	white to pale pink			
Lithophragma heterophyllum	Mission Woodland- star			white	white				
Lupinus albifrons	Silver Lupine		blue	blue	blue				
Mimulus cardinalis	Scarlet Monkeyflower			red	red				
Monardella macrantha	Red Monardella					red	red	red	
Oenothera californica	California Evening Primrose		white	white					
Penstemon centranthifolius	Scarlet Bugler			red	red				
Penstemon laetus	Mountain Blue Penstemon			blue	blue				
Phacelia imbricata	Imbricate Phacelia			white	white				
Potentilla glandulosa	Sticky cinquefoil			creamy yellow	creamy yellow	creamy yellow	creamy yellow	creamy yellow	
Ranunculus californicus	California buttercup			yellow	yellow				
Romneya coulteri	Matilija poppy				white	white	white		
Salvia carduacea	thistle sage		pale lavender	pale lavender	pale lavender	pale lavender			
Salvia columbariae	chia		blue	blue	blue	blue			
Saxifraga californica	California saxifrage		white	white	white				
Scrophularia californica	Coast figwort		maroon	maroon	maroon	maroon			
Sedum spathufolium	Broadlead Stonecrop				yellow	yellow	yellow		
Sidalcea malviflora	Dwarf Cherkerbloom				pink	pink			
Silene laciniata	Cardinal Catchfly			red	red	red			
Solidago californica	California Goldenrod							yellow	yellow
Stachys pycnantha	Shortspike Hedgenettle			white purple	white purple	white purple	white purple		
Verbena lasiostachys	Western Vervain					blue	blue		
Yucca whipplei percusa	Chaparral yucca			white	white	white			

PLANTS THAT ATTRACT POLLINATORS

The following chart lists plants that attract pollinators. It is not exhaustive, but provides guidance on where to start. Annuals, herbs, weeds, and cover crops provide food and shelter for pollinators, too.

Botanical Name	Common Name	Color	Height	Flower Season	Sun	Soil	Visitation by Pollinator			
Trees & Shrubs										
Acer macrophyllum	Big Leaf Maple	reddish green	50'	April-May	sun to partial sun	moist to dry	bees			
Aesculus californica	California Buckeye	pinkish white	15'	April-May	sun to partial shade	moist	bees, insects			
Amorpha californica	California False Indigo	purple	6-8'	May-June	partial sun to shade	moist	bees			
Arctostaphylos tomentosa	Woollyleaf Manzanita	white	3-8'	Feb-March	sun to partial sun	moist to dry	bees			
Arctostaphylos uva-ursi	Kinnikinnick	white	3-4"	March-June	sun to partial sun	moist to dry	bees			
Ceanothus crassifolius	Hoaryleaf Ceanothus	white	12'	April-May	sun to partial sun	moist to dry	bees, flies, beetles, butterflies			
Ceanothus oliganthus	Hairy ceanothus	pale blue	8'	Feb-April	sun to partial sun	moist to dry	bees, flies, beetles			
Ceanothus thyrsifolius	White Mt. Lilac	white	10'	Feb-June	sun to partial sun	moist to dry	bees, flies, beetles			
Cercis occidentalis	Western redbud	pink	to 14'	Feb-April	sun to partial shade	moist	butterflies and bees			
Cornus glabrata	Brown dogwood	white	4-10'	April-May	sun to shade	moist to dry	bees, flies, beetles, butterflies			
Dendromecon rigida	Chaparral bush poppy	yellow	6-8'	April-June	sun	dry	butterflies and insects			
Heteromeles arbutifolia	Toyon	white	5-16'	June-Aug	sun	dry	bees, hummingbirds			
Mahonia nervosa	Cascade Barberry	yellow	2'	April-May	partial shade to shade	wet to moist	bees			
Mahonia pinnata	Wavyleaf Barberry	yellow	2'	Feb-May	partial shade to shade	wet to moist	bees			
Prunus illicifolia	Hollyleaf Cherry	white	25'	March	sun to partial sun	moist	bees, butterflies			
Prunus virginiana	Chokecherry	white	15-20'	March	sun to partial sun	Moist	bees, butterflies			
Rhamnus californicus	Coffeberry	greenish	4-8'	May-June	sun to shade	moist to dry	butterflies, bees			
Rhus integrifolia	Lemonade sumac	pale pink	3-8'	June	partial sun to sun	moist to dry	bees, flies, beetles, butterflies			
Ribes menziesii	Canyon Gooseberry	maroon - white	6'	April-May	partial sun to shade	moist	humminbirds, bees			
Salix exigua	Narrowleaf Willow	cream white	4-15'	April-May	partial shade	wet to moist	bees			
Salix laevigata	Red Willow	cream white	10-25'	April-May	sun to partial sun	wet to moist	bees			
Salvia leucophylla	San Luis Purple Sage	lavender	3-6'	May-June	sun	dry	bees, butterflies, hummingbirds			
Salvia mellifera	Black Sage	white to pale blue	2-3'	May-June	sun	dry	bees, butterflies, hummingbirds			
Symphoricarpos albus	Common Snowberry	pink	4-5'	May-June	partial shade	wet to moist	hummingbirds, bees			
Trichostema lanatum	Woolly Bluecurls	violet	3-4'	May-August	sun	dry	butterflies, hawkmoths, bees			
			Perennia	l Flowers						
Achilea millefolium californica	Yarrow	white	1-4'	May-August	sun	moist to dry	bees, flies, bettles			
Aquilegia formosa	Western columbine	red	12-36"	April-June	sun	moist	hummingbirds, bees			
Asclepias californica	California Milkweed	violet	12-54"	June	sun	moist to dry	bees, beetles, flies, butterflies			
Asclepias eriocarpa	Wollypod Milkweed	creamy white and pale pinkish white	to 60"	June-August	sun	dry	bees, beetles, flies, butterflies			
Asclepias fasicularis	Narrowleaf Milkweed	creamy white	to 60"	June-August	sun	dry	bees, beetles, flies, butterflies			
Calochortus clavatus pallidus	Yellow mariposa	yellow	4-12"	April-June	sun	dry	beetles			
Cirsium californicum	California thistle	pink	4-8'	April-July	sun	dry	bees, butterflies			
Carkia unguiculata	Elegant clarkia	pink	2-3'	May-June	sun to shade	dry	bees, butterflies			





HABITAT HINTS

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	HABITAT REQUIREMENTS FOR BEE-POLLINATED GARDEN FLOWERS AND CROPS										
	Bumble	Digger	Lg Carpenter	Sm Carpenter	Squash/ Gourd	Leafcutter	Mason	Sweat	Plasterer	Yellow- faced	Andrenid
FLOWERS											
Catalpa			х								
Catnip	х	х					х				
Clover		х									Х
Columbine	х										
Cow parsley										х	
Goldenrod	х	х				х		Х			
Impatiens	х										
Irises	х		Х								
Lavender	х	Х	х			х					
Milkwort								Х			
Morning glory				х							
Penstemon	х	х					х				
Passion flowers			х								
Phacelia	х	х		Х		х	х	Х	х		Х
Potentilla										х	
Rose	х		х				х	Х		х	
Salvia	х	Х	х			х	x				
Saxifrages								Х		х	
Sorrel				х							
Sunflowers	х	х	Х	Х		Х		Х	х		Х
Violet								Х			х
Wild Mustard		Х							х		
Willow catkins									х		х
					CROPS				1		
Almond	х						x				х
Apple							х				
Blueberry	х	Х									х
Cherry							Х				х
Eggplant	х		Х					Х			
Gooseberry	х										Х
Legumes	х	Х				х		Х			
Water melon	х							Х			
Squash/ Pumpkins/ Gourds			х		х						
Tomatoes	х	Х	х					Х			
Thyme	х	Х					х	Х		Х	



HABITAT AND NESTING REQUIREMENTS:

Bumble Bees:

Abandoned mouse nests, other rodent burrows, upside down flower pots, under boards, and other human-made cavities. Colonies are founded by a queen in the spring and don't die out in the fall. New queens mate then and overwinter in a sort of hibernation. Bumble bees are usually active during the morning hours and forage at colder temperatures than honey bees, even flying in light rain.

Large carpenter bees:

Soft dead wood, poplar, cottonwood or willow trunks and limbs, structural timbers including redwood. Depending on the species, there may be one or two brood cycles per year. These bees can be active all day even in the hottest weather.

Digger bees:

Sandy soil, compacted soils, bank sides. Anthophorid bees (now in the Apidae) are usually active in the morning hours, but can be seen at other times.

Small carpenter bees:

Pithy stems including roses and blackberry canes. These bees are more active in the morning but can be found at other times.

Squash and Gourd bees:

Sandy soil, may nest in gardens (where pumpkins, squash and gourds are grown) or pathways. These bees are early risers and can be found in pumpkin patches before dawn. Males often sleep in the wilted flowers.

Leafcutter bees:

Pre-existing circular tunnels of various diameters in dead but sound wood created by emerging beetles, some nest in the ground. Leave dead limbs and trees to support not just pollinators but other wildlife. Leafcutter bees can be seen foraging throughout the day even in hot weather.

Mason bees:

Pre-existing tunnels, various diameters in dead wood made by emerging beetles, or human-made nesting substrates, drilled wood boards, paper soda straws inserted into cans attached to buildings. Mason bees are generally more active in the morning hours.

Sweat bees:

Bare ground, compacted soil, sunny areas not covered by vegetation. Like most bees, sweat bees forage for pollen earlier in the morning and then for nectar later.

Plasterer or cellophane bees:

Bare ground, banks or cliffs. Colletid bees can be active in the morning or later in the day.

Yellow-faced bees:

In dead stems. These bees are more active during morning hours.

Andrenid bees:

Sunny, bare ground, sand soil, under leaf litter or in soil in banksides and cliffs. These generally spring-active bees are most commonly seen on flowers during the morning when pollen and nectar resources are abundant.

"MONARCH BUTTERFLIES NEVER FAIL TO CATCH THE VISITOR'S EYE AND ALWAYS LEAD TO A TEACHABLE MOMENT."

-- LOGAN LEE, PRAIRIE SUPERVISOR MIDEWIN NATIONAL TALLGRASS PRAIRIE

A BASIC CHECKLIST

BECOME FAMILIAR WITH POLLINATORS IN YOUR LANDSCAPE.

- Watch for activity throughout the day and the seasons.
- Keep a simple notebook of when and what comes to your garden. NOTE: It is not necessary to identify each species when you first get started. Simply note if it is a bee that likes the yellow flower that blooms in the fall.
- Consult a local field guide or web site when you are ready to learn more details.

ADD NATIVE PLANTS TO ATTRACT MORE NATIVE POLLINATORS.

- X List the plants you currently have in your landscape.
- Determine when you need additional flowers to provide nectar and pollen throughout the growing season.
- Add plants that provide additional seasons of bloom, create variable heights for shelter, and attract the types of pollinators you want.
- Don't forget to include host plants that provide food and shelter for larval development.
- Contact your local native plant society or extension agent for more help.

USE POLLINATOR FRIENDLY LANDSCAPE PRACTICES TO SUPPORT THE POLLINATORS YOU ATTRACT.

- **W** Use Integrated Pest Management Practices to address pest concerns.
- Tolerate a little mess leave dead snags and leaf litter, keep areas bare for ground nesting insects, and leave some weeds that provide food for pollinators.
- Provide safe access to clean water.

NOTICE THE CHANGES THAT YOU HAVE HELPED TO CREATE!



Many books, websites, and people were consulted to gather information for this guide. Use this list as a starting point to learn more about pollinators and plants in your area.

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Coevolution Institute www.coevolution.org

Natural Resources Conservation Service www.nrcs.usda.gov

North American Pollinator Protection Campaign www.nappc.org

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