SUPPORT FOR POLLINATORS: RESEARCHING LOCAL RESOURCES

What resources are available to learn more about your local pollinators? What programs are happening in your area to support pollinators? Research local pollinator programs and resources, and write a short profile describing them. The resource profiles might be about a nearby educational program, a local conservation project, or informational documents about your region of the country.

You can use the suggestions below for your research, or you can also search the internet for other local resources. Your search might be for local beekeeping groups, apiarists (beekeepers), community gardens, local conservation and environmental clubs, or local nonprofits involved in pollinator appreciation or conservation.



Cooperative Extension Service Offices: The US Department of Agriculture coordinates Extension Service offices in every state to provide research and education on agriculture, ecology, nutrition and food safety. The offices are often connected to land-grant university partners. Find your local Cooperative Extension Service office at the link below, and see if their website offers information on local pollinators or native plants:

https://nifa.usda.gov/land-grant-colleges-and-universities-partner-website-directory

Natural Resources Conservation Service: The USDA also publishes technical documents on pollinators that include fact sheets and conservation guides. Take a look at their Pollinator Conservation database, and see what information is available for your state:

https://plants.usda.gov/pollinators/NRCSdocuments.html

Public Gardens: Botanical gardens and arboretums can be amazing resources on your local ecology, and they sometimes offer research and educational information online. Search for your nearest public gardens using the American Public Gardens Association map at the link below:

https://www.publicgardens.org/about-public-gardens/gardens

