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It's Pollinators Week!

National Pollinators week is **June 15-21**

What it is: Pollinator Week is an annual event dedicated to celebrating and promoting the health of pollinators like bees, butterflies, birds, and bats.

Why it matters: Pollinators are essential for food production and maintaining healthy ecosystems. Many of the foods we eat rely on their services.

How to get involved: You can participate by planting pollinator-friendly gardens, participating in community events, or simply learning more about pollinators and their importance.

Our Top 8 Ways to Attract Pollinators to Your Yard



1.Rainbow Of Colour

Different pollinators respond to different colours so you'll need to fill your yard with flowers in a rainbow of hues. Bees prefer blue, yellow, white and purple, while hummingbirds enjoy red-toned flowers and butterflies are drawn to red and purple tones first.



2.Consider Nesting Sites

Bee hotels: Solitary bees often need specific nesting sites, which can be provided with bee hotels or by leaving areas of bare, well-drained soil.



3.A Succession of Blooms

Choose plants that bloom at different times so you'll have blossoms throughout the growing season. From early spring bulbs to late fall colour, attract pollinators for many months!



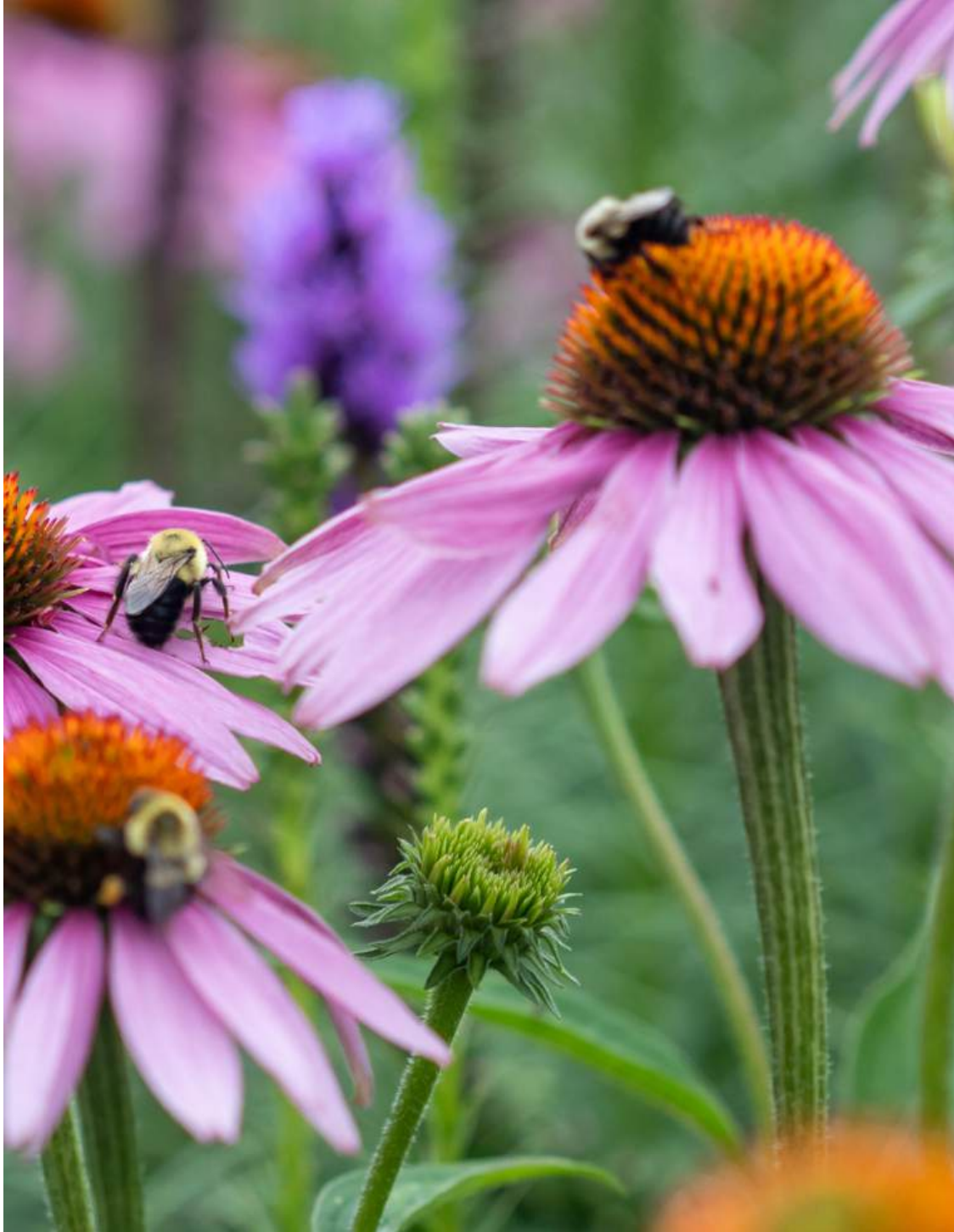
4. Provide A Water Source

Offer a shallow dish of water with pebbles or marbles for pollinators to land on and drink from. Fresh water is a vital resource for birds, especially during hot weather. Keep birdbaths filled to help them stay hydrated, cool down, and clean their feathers.



5.Add Variety

Planting flowers with a variety of bloom shapes, including some tall, some short, some narrow, others flat, will help draw a diverse group of pollinators.



6.Include Ontario Natives

Include native plants into your pollinator garden. Some examples include purple coneflowers, liatris, butterfly weed and more.



7.Let Herbs Bloom

Once you're done harvesting herbs, allow them to bloom. Pollinators love them! Bees are particularly fond of lavender, oregano, basil, dill, borage, and rosemary flowers.



8. Provide Shelter

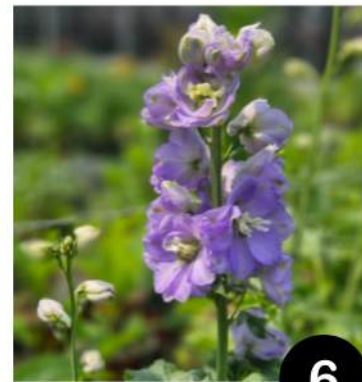
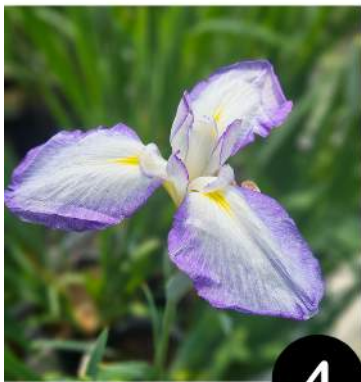
Provide areas with tall grasses, shrubs, or trees for shelter from weather and predators. Trees are important for bird habitats & wildlife.

We Are Buzzing About Perennials

Plant incredibly gorgeous summer-blooming perennials.

Bonus: the pollinators love these!

1. *Geum Blazing Sun* 2. *Daylily Peatboro* 3. *Rhondo Beards Tongue*
4. *Blue King Siberian Iris* 5. *Clematis Ernest Markham* 6. *Guinevere Delphinium*
7. *Butterfly Bush Buzz Magenta* 8. *Orange Dwarf Catchfly*
9. *Pink Octopus Campanula*



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Monday	8:00 - 6:00
Tuesday	8:00 - 6:00
Wednesday	8:00 - 6:00
Thursday	8:00 - 6:00
Friday	8:00 - 6:00
Saturday	8:00 - 6:00
Sunday	Closed



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