

RECOMMENDED POLLINATOR & PRAIRE RESOURCES ONLINE

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MN DNR

[Minnesota's Pollinators](#): main page

- [Native bees](#)
- [Specialist bees](#)
- [Resources](#) : pollinator-friendly planting resources and MORE

Pollinator Habitat

- [Pollinator Resources Tables](#) : value to native pollinators of plant species native to Minnesota
- [MN Plant Checklist](#)
- **Minnesota Pollination Guide** provides data and information on the reproduction and pollination characteristics of native plant species in MN. These data are available to [download \(XLS\)](#) along with [complementary information \(PDF\)](#) about the project and its outcomes.
- [Restore Your Shore](#) native plants to restore shoreline including some that help pollinators
- [Ecological classification system](#) : your site's location helps to guide what to plant
- [Native plant communities](#) : gives you an idea of which plant naturally occur together

Related Guidance for Private Lands

[Private Lands Habitat](#) (Grassland (prairie & farmland), Forest, Shoreline, Shrubland (parkland/brushland, savanna), Backyard, etc.)

[Minnesota Prairie](#) (conserve & manage, create & restore, and MORE!)

- [Landowner Support to Protect & Manage Prairie](#)
- [Prairies of Minnesota Landowner Handbook \(PDF\)](#)
- [Prairie Pod Podcast](#)
- [Guides to Prairie Restoration in Minnesota](#)
- [How to Use Native Plants for Landscaping and Restoration in Minnesota](#)
- [Native Plants Suppliers](#)
- [Minnesota Prairie Landowner Network Facebook group](#)
- [Soil and Water Conservation Districts](#) have information on other resources, programs, and services that may be available

See also:

[Nongame Wildlife Program](#) and [MN Biological Survey](#), both of which partner together and with others, playing key roles in the study and conservation of pollinators.

[MN Ecological Classification System](#): uses associations of biological and environmental factors, including climate, geology, topography, soils, hydrology, and vegetation at nested scales. Helpful for planning habitat conservation, restoration, and management. "Location, Location, Location"!

Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR)

- [Native Vegetation Establishment and Enhancement Guidelines](#)
- [MN Seed Mixes](#) : Be sure to select mixes that are suited for your part of the state and site conditions. Under Purpose, select Pollinator
- [Lawns to Legumes Program](#): workshops, coaching, planting guides and cost-share funding (individual support grants) for installing pollinator-friendly native plantings in residential lawns

University Of Minnesota -Bee Lab (Be sure to focus on native pollinators)

- [Create Nesting Habitat](#)
- [Plantings for Pollinators](#)
[Pollinator Planting Resources](#)
 - **Planting Types** (Pollinator Prairie, Trees & Shrubs, Pollinator Garden, Bee Lawn, Rain Garden, Agroforestry, Agriculture, Public Spaces)
 - **Other Resources:** Assessment Guides, Planning & Practices, Financial Support, Pesticide Information, Glossary of Terms
- [Bumble Bees](#) (identification, conservation)
- [MN Bee Atlas](#) (voluntary participatory science opportunity. See also [Bumble Bee Watch](#))

[Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation](#): a science-based international nonprofit organization that protects the natural world through the conservation of invertebrates and their habitats Pollinator conservation is one of its key program areas. An active partner with MN DNR.

- [Pollinator Conservation Resource Center](#) : Region-specific resources to aid in the planning, establishment, restoration, and maintenance of pollinator habitat. [Great Lakes Region](#) (including Martin Co); [North Central Region](#) (far western MN)
- [Maintaining Diverse Stands of Wildflowers Planted for Pollinators](#)
- [Pollinator Conservation Seed Mixes by Habitat Type](#) (filter lists for MN)
- [Conserving Pollinators in Your Landscape](#): farmlands, rangelands (pasture), yards & gardens, roadsides & rights-of-way, natural lands, cities & towns
- [Native Plant, Seed and Services Directory](#) (filter for MN plus other categories)
- [Pollinator Nesting Resources](#)
- [Reducing Pesticide Use & Impacts](#)
- [Bumble Bee Watch](#) (voluntary participatory science opportunity.)
- **Managing for Monarchs**
 - [Manage Habitat for Monarchs and Other Pollinators](#)
 - **Plant Monarch Nectar Sources:** [Great Lakes](#) ; [Northern Plains](#) (incl far western MN)
 - Milkweed
 - [Native Milkweeds: Pollinator Plants of the Central United States](#)
 - [Everything You Need to Know About Eastern Monarchs and How to Help Them](#)
 - [Milkweed information and Tools](#)
 - [Keep Monarchs Wild: Why Captive Rearing Isn't the Way to Help Monarchs](#)

[Monarch Joint Venture](#): Its mission is to protect monarchs and their migration by collaborating with partners to deliver habitat conservation, education, and science across the monarch range. Website information about

- [Habitat Conservation](#)
- [Education & Outreach](#)
- [Research & Monitoring](#)
- [Online Learning for You](#)
- [Partnership](#) (Includes several MN agencies, Universities and Organizations)
- and MORE!

