



Pollinators in Native Gardens



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Native Plant Nurseries

Hidden Savanna Nursery – Kalamazoo, MI (www.hiddensavanna.com) Phone: (269) 352-3876

Wildtype Native Plant Nursery – Mason, MI (www.wildtypeplants.com) Phone: (517) 244-1140

Native Connection (Seed Mixes) – Three Rivers, MI (www.nativeconnections.net) Phone: (269) 273-2894

Books about Native Plants and Pollinators

Bees: An Identification and Native Plant Forage Guide by Heather Holm

Attracting Native Pollinators: Protecting North America's Bees and Butterflies by the Xerces Society

The Bees in Your Backyard: A Guide to North America's Bees by Joseph Wilson and Olivia Messinger Carril

Butterfly Gardening: The North American Butterfly Association Guide by Jane Hurwitz

(The KBS Bird Sanctuary Gift Shop has a great selection for students of all ages!)

Online Resources for Pollinator Gardens

The Xerces Society (www.xerces.org): Non-profit organization focused on invertebrate conservation. Their website provides lists of pollinator-friendly native plants, guides to building bee hotels, and educational materials about insects.

Pollinator friendly plant lists: <https://xerces.org/educational-resources/>

Identification guides: <https://xerces.org/identification-guides/>

Lists of national and state-level citizen science projects: <https://xerces.org/citizen-science/>

Citizen Science Opportunities

The Great Sunflower Project (www.thegreatsunflower.org): National project in which citizen scientists observe pollinators on flowers and enter their observations into an online database.

Bumble Bee Watch (www.bumblebeewatch.org): National project in which citizen scientists upload pictures of bumble bees to be identified by experts. This project allows scientists to create bee distribution maps and monitor species like the endangered Rusty Patch bumble bee. Available as an app.

Monarch Larva Monitoring Project (www.monarchlab.org): National project in which citizen scientists count Monarch Butterfly eggs and larvae on their local milkweed plants.