

How you can help

- Grow flowers for pollinators.
- Restore and provide habitat.
- Reduce pesticide use.
- Participate in the Pollination Canada monitoring program.

Learn more at
www.pollinationcanada.ca

Getting started

Look for pollinating insects in a garden, park, roadside or meadow near you.

Use the Pollination Canada Observer's Kit to learn to recognise important types of Canadian pollinators. Record pollinating insects, their habitats, and the flowers that they visit.

Enter your observations in our national database at the Pollination Canada web site, or leave your forms with a Pollination Canada Partner.



You'll be contributing to Canada's largest volunteer study of pollinating insects!

Partners

Calgary Horticultural Society

Canadian Museum of Nature

Canadian Pollinator Protection Initiative

Everdale Environmental Learning Centre

Food Security Research Network

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Sunshine Coast Botanical Garden Society

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Upper Credit Field Naturalist Club

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Victoria Natural History Society

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Wings of Paradise

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Discover a whole new ecosystem in your backyard!



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Join volunteers from across Canada working to study and conserve the beneficial insects that we rely upon for flowers, fruit and a healthy environment

Pollination Canada is a joint venture of
Seeds of Diversity Canada and
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Coordinating Office

Canada



Pollinators are the insects that pollinate flowers. You know about bees and butterflies, but did you know that there are over 1000 species of pollinating insects in Canada?

Together, they are an indispensable natural resource, and their daily work is essential for over a billion dollars' worth of apples, pears, cucumbers, melons, strawberries, raspberries and many other kinds of Canadian farm produce.

Over 70% of our food crops need insects for pollination. Bees do more than just make honey!



These insects are under pressure from loss of habitat, loss of food sources, disease and pesticides. We cannot take them for granted.

We need pollinators, and we need you to help study them.

Join volunteers from across Canada to monitor pollinating insects in action.

Pollinators enable wild plants to reproduce, and their fruit and seeds provide valuable food for birds and animals.

**This summer, make it count!
Watch in your garden, watch in the park, watch in the countryside.**

Categories of Pollinating Insects

Bees

Includes honeybees, bumblebees, and sweat bees. Fuzzy bodies, oval eyes. Active in spring, summer, and fall.



Wasps

Includes yellow jackets, hornets and paper wasps. Smooth bodies, slender waists. Active mostly in late summer.



Butterflies and moths

Large wings, long sucking tongues. Butterflies must land to feed; moths can hover while feeding.



Flies

Short antennae, soft bodies, no stingers. Some are able to hover in midair, which bees cannot do.



Beetles

There are many different kinds of beetles: all are hard-shelled with wings that fold out-of-sight when not in use. Beetles tend to prefer heavy cup-shaped flowers and often damage flower parts as they feed.



Try a beginner observation today!

The Pollination Canada monitoring program uses a field-tested set of forms to guide you through a systematic observation session of flowers and pollinators.

A complete Observer's Kit is available at www.pollinationcanada.ca

For now, try this simplified observation. Look in a garden, a meadow, or any place nearby where flowers are growing.

See if you can spot pollinators in action.

Mail to Seeds of Diversity Canada
Box 36, Station Q, Toronto ON M4T 2L7

or

Leave this form with one of
Pollination Canada's Partners

Today I saw these insects visiting flowers

# of insects		# of insects	
<input type="text"/>	Bees	<input type="text"/>	Wasps
<input type="text"/>	Butterflies / moths	<input type="text"/>	Flies
<input type="text"/>	Beetles	<input type="text"/>	Other / not sure

Location _____

Date and time _____

Send me more information about Pollination Canada

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____