

# Fun Pollinator Facts



- Birds, bats, butterflies, moths, flies, beetles, wasps, small mammals, and most importantly, bees, are pollinators.
- Honeybees are not native to the United States, but were imported from Europe to help pollinate food crops.
- The honeybee is the state insect of New Jersey.
- Pollinators visit flowers to drink nectar and feed on the pollen.
- They help the pollination process by moving pollen grains from flower to flower.
- Pollinators aid in sustaining our ecosystems by helping flowers to make seeds, which include the fruits, nuts and vegetables we eat.
- Pollinator populations are changing. Many pollinators are in decline due to loss in feeding and nesting habitats, pollution, the misuse of chemicals, disease and changes in climate.

## ***How You Can Help:***

Create a garden at home or in your community that will attract pollinators. If you live in the city, talk to your town officials about planting flowers and plants in empty lots and patches of land. Encourage the planting of native plants on farms, schools, home gardens, corporate landscapes and on public spaces. Spread the word about the importance of pollinators. Support farmers and beekeepers by buying local honey and locally produced organic foods.