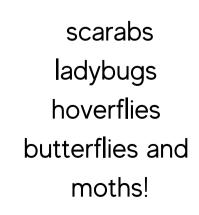


There are approximately 400 species of native bees, and over 180 butterfly and moth species in Ontario.

It's not only bees that pollinate plants! These critters are also important pollinators:





Choose native Ontario plants!

Plant a variety of flowers that bloom throughout the spring, summer, and fall.

Think beyond flowers: Include shrubs and trees that provide pollen and nectar sources, like serviceberry or flowering dogwood.

Be a Responsible Gardener:

Ditch the chemicals! Leave some areas of your yard unmowed to provide nesting sites for ground-dwelling bees and butterflies. Create a water source

Spread the Word:

Encourage others to create pollinator-friendly gardens in their yards. The more pollinator gardens, the better! Support pollinator initiatives





Early Spring (May-June):

Colombine (Aquilegia canadensis): Delicate, bell-shaped flowers in red, yellow, or purple. Wild Strawberry (Fragaria virginiana): White flowers in early spring. Trout Lily (Erythronium americanum): Yellow or white flowers with distinctive brown markings. Bloodroot (Sanguinaria canadensis): Showy white flowers with a red stamen.

Summer (June-August):

Black-Eyed Susan (Rudbeckia fulgida):

Cheerful wildflower with bright yellow petals and a dark brown center.

Purple Coneflower (Echinacea purpurea): Daisy-like flowers with spiny purple cones.

Milkweed (Asclepias syriaca): Essential for monarch butterflies.

(Be sure to plant native milkweed species.)

Wild Bergamot (Monarda fistulosa): Fragrant with blooms in pink, purple, and red. Goldenrod (Solidago canadensis): Provides pollen and nectar for butterflies and bees in late summer.

Fall (September-October):

New England Aster (Aster novae-angliae): Star-shaped flowers (Purple blooms from late summer to fall) Joe-Pye Weed (Eupatorium purpureum): Tall, pink to purple flowering plant. Blazing Star (Liatris aspera): Showy wildflower with spikes of purple or pink flowers.

Pollinator-Friendly Shrubs:

Serviceberry (Amelanchier canadensis), Flowering Dogwood (Cornus florida) Buttonbush (Cephalanthus occidentalis), Spicebush (Lindera benzoin) Chokecherry (Aronia melanocarpa)

