

# Did you know?



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:



scarabs  
ladybugs  
hoverflies  
butterflies and  
moths!



# Want to be a pollinator superhero?



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*)