

Pollinator Workshop Agenda



Class Description:

Gardens are pollinated by a variety of insects that help flowers set seed and help fruit & vegetable plants produce an edible harvest. Most of us are familiar with European honey bees, but are unaware of the numerous native bees, flies, beetles, moths and butterflies that might literally be at our doorsteps, providing critical pollination services. In this workshop you will learn about the different kinds of pollinators that might be living in your garden, discover a plant palette to help attract and support pollinators, and go beyond the bloom to consider ways to provide shelter, water, nesting, and overwintering sites.

Introduction

Importance of pollinators in North America

- What is pollination?
- Why it matters
- Challenges for pollinators

Cast of Characters

- Bees
- Wasps
- Flies
- Beetles
- Moths & Butterflies

Creating Habitat

- Planting for pollinators
- Beyond the bloom

Sustaining Habitat

- Integrated Pest Management

Additional Resources

Q&A Session, Evaluations