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Pollinators are vital to our ecosystems. Many species of plants in Wisconsin rely on them for pollination. Sadly, due to habitat loss, pesticide use, and other environmental factors, pollinators are disappearing.

For the pollinators that remain, it is important that they are protected. There are small steps that we all can take to help!

Wisconsin is home to many different pollinators like bees, butterflies, moths, flies, beetles, wasps, and hummingbirds.

Wisconsin has over 400 different species of native bee pollinators.

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#1

Plant Native

Native plants are adapted to local soils and climates. They can be excellent sources of nectar and pollen for native pollinators. Incorporating native wildflowers, shrubs, and trees into any landscape promotes local biological diversity.

#2

Provide Water and Shelter

Pollinators need water sources to drink from and shelter to rest or wait out bad weather or wintering months. Pollinator nest boxes, shallow water dishes, and brush/leaf piles will all be greatly appreciated by pollinators.

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#3

Minimize Pesticides

Any kind of chemical sprayed on weeds, flowers, or plants are harmful to pollinators. They also kill off the plants pollinators use as a food source.

#4

Monitor and Support

Watch and observe! You will be surprised how many pollinators you see out and about. Reporting observations of pollinators helps researchers with their studies and surveys.

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