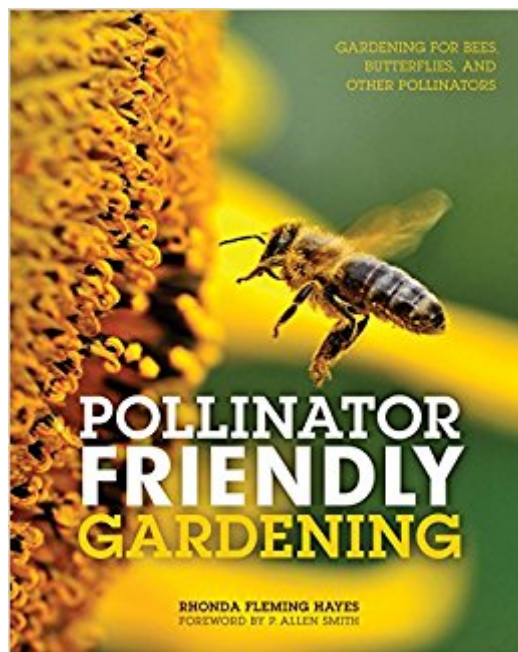




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# Pollinator Friendly Gardening: Gardening For Bees, Butterflies, And Other Pollinators



## Synopsis

Want to do your part in helping your local pollinators flourish? Pollinator Friendly Gardening makes it easy. Are you interested in growing a naturally healthy garden? How about making sure your local environment helps bees, butterflies, and birds survive and thrive? If you are a beekeeper, are you looking for the ideal plants to keep your colony happy? Pollinators such as monarch butterflies and bees are under threat, and more and more gardeners want to do all they can to create a hospitable space for them. That's where Pollinator Friendly Gardening comes in. It identifies the most visible and beloved pollinators: bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds, as well as some more unlikely candidates such as ants, wasps, and beetles. It then explains the intriguing synergy between plants and pollinators. This vital information makes it a unique sourcebook to share the ways that anyone can make a yard a more friendly place for pollinators. Plant selection, hardscape choices, habitat building (both natural and manmade), and growing practices that give pollinators their best chance in the garden are all covered in detail. Plant lists organized by category, helpful tips, and expert spotlights make it a fun and easy book to read too.

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"...covers everything the average gardener needs to know to create a garden that attracts and sustains bees, butterflies and other pollinators - including plant selection, hardscape choices and growing practices." - Minneapolis StarTribune "...it is excellent at reinforcing the importance of pollination, it offers numerous handy lists of all manner of plants (larval host plants for butterflies,

landscape nectar plants for butterflies and bees, weeds that nevertheless provide nectar and pollen sources, etc.), and it provides practical advice on setting up a garden to make pollinators feel at home, among other topics. And for readers who might question whether their humble garden could help mitigate, even turn back, the loss of pollinators, the author and those she interviewed would certainly reply, "Believe it - Booklist"...covers everything the average gardener needs to know to create a garden that attracts and sustains bees, butterflies and other pollinators - including plant selection, hardscape choices and growing practices - Minneapolis StarTribune" This is a valuable resource for developing a garden that supports healthy lives for bees and butterfly - Santa Cruz Sentinel" Hayes provides a plant list that reads like a greatest hits in support of bees, butterflies and hummingbirds - The Record - Hackensack, NJ" This is a valuable resource for developing a garden that supports healthy lives for bees and butterflies" - Santa Cruz Sentinel" Hayes provides a plant list that reads like a greatest hits in support of bees, butterflies and hummingbirds." - The Record - Hackensack, NJ

Rhonda Fleming Hayes has gardened since she was a child and has cultivated her green thumb everywhere from her native California to the south, Midwest, and England. She is an award-winning garden writer who pens a column for the Minneapolis Star Tribune and inspires readers of Northern Gardener magazine with unique garden profiles and her ongoing "Kitchen Garden" feature. She has also won the Garden Writers Association silver award and been published in Minnesota Gardener, Savannah Magazine, and Mother Earth Living among others. She is a Master Gardener and public speaker, who always encourages her audience to plant for pollinators.

I was so excited to get my copy of Pollinator Friendly Gardening. Perfect timing for ordering my plants. My husband got ahold of it first. Finally got a chance to look at it when he wasn't. I love the beautiful pictures. The plant lists make it easy to reference to for my orders. And the "ask the expert" in each section has been very helpful and informative. I'm excited for spring. Great book.

Wonderful book with beautiful photographs and lots of good information about starting gardens that are bee friendly. I bought this book for my daughter who is very interested in the bee population and what we can do to save the bees because our gardens are dependent on the bees. With this book and another that I purchased, my daughter has started a pollinator garden for the bees to attract them and supply them with the necessary flowers and nutrients they need. Great book with good information.

What a wonderful book! Information is so thorough and the pictures are beautiful. I am enjoying the "ask the expert" sections. I cannot wait until Spring!

Interested in starting a honey bee hive, I read this to provide them a close food source. After reading this book I'm thinking about starting with butterflies and adding the hive on year two. Nice illustrations, informative tables and expert interviews with academics. I will reread this many times.

This is a wonderful book. I'm involved with some groups helping a school work on a pollinating garden. Also involved with a local national park working on Monarch monitoring and getting ready to plan a period pollinating garden on their grounds. This has been a wonderful reference.

Great help for my gardening attempts to help our pollinators. I highly recommend this book for any backyard gardener or community volunteer involved with Environmental Stewardship.

I found this book interesting and well written. I've read a lot on the subject beforehand, but I still found new information here. The suggestions for making your yard pollinator friendly were generally easy to do and affordable. The photographs were exceptional and added a lot to the book.

A garden can be your sanctuary. This book has beautiful photos along with great planting ideas for "your" sanctuary. I enjoyed the important information on how to attract pollinators, their care and feeding in addition to giving substitutes for pesticides and the section on Integrated Pest Management. If you are getting tired of your lawn, there are even some great ideas for that starting on page 51. I have several books I always refer to when gardening and this will be in my go-to library.

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