

# Support pollinators in your backyard.

Pollinator populations need our help. Many have suffered from loss of habitat, chemical misuse, diseases, and parasites.

Here's how you can help.



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# Grow Native Plants (It's Not All about Flowers!)

Native pollinators and plants have evolved to help one another. Plant numerous species to support a variety of pollinators.

Find a list of Indiana native plants [here](#).



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## Wait to Spring Clean Your Garden

It's tempting to begin garden cleanup with the first signs of warmer temperatures in the spring, but many pollinators hibernate under the leaves and brush, and even in plant stems. Begin spring cleaning when temperatures are consistently above 50°F.



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## Say No to Chemicals

Insecticides and herbicides can cause serious harm to pollinators regardless of their life phase. Avoid using these harsh materials by hand weeding, choosing appropriate plantings for your location, and placing plants together densely to help them out-compete weedy species.



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## Give Water

Provide shallow puddles of water and bird baths. Butterflies, moths, bees, wasps, and birds all need a clean, shallow water source for drinking. Insects will also consume minerals from muddy soil or use the damp material for nest creation.



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# Remove Invasive Species

Invasive plants are introduced species that negatively alter their new ecosystem. These plants can escape from “captivity” in the landscape and are sometimes moved through trade or agriculture. Removing these allows the native plants to thrive, which provide more support for pollinators.



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# Want to learn or do more? Check out:

[National Wildlife Federation](#)

[Indiana Native Plant Society](#)

[Homegrown Nation Park](#)

[Wild Ones](#)

[Wake Up Woods](#)



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