



Pollinators at Work

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Pollinators



National Pollinator Week 2020

June 22-28th

The Pollinator Partnership is presenting this event to raise awareness of the role that pollinators play in our environment, economy, and society.

Why are pollinators important?

As their website states, “Somewhere between 75% and 95% of all flowering plants on the earth need help with pollination – they need pollinators. Pollinators provide pollination services to over 180,000 different plant species and more than 1200 crops. That means that 1 out of every three bites of food you eat is there because of pollinators . If we want to talk dollars and cents, pollinators add 217 billion dollars to the global economy , and honey bees alone are responsible for between 1.2 and 5.4 billion dollars in agricultural productivity in the United States . In addition to the food that we eat, pollinators support healthy ecosystems that clean the air, stabilize soils, protect from severe weather, and support other wildlife.”

While we’re all at home, take some time and check out their website at www.pollinator.org and find ways you can make a difference in June.

If the bee disappeared off the surface of the globe, then man would have only four years of life left. No more bees, no more pollination, no more plants, no more animals, no more man.

Albert Einstein

Looking for a movie to watch? Go to <https://dceff.org/watchnow/> for movies submitted to the Environmental Film Festival. Look for There’s Something in the Water about the effects of non-native plants. Or visit Nyungwe National Park in Rwanda in A Walk Through the Land of a Thousand Hills.

This fun and informative quiz **tests your knowledge** about what can be done to fight climate change.

<https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2019/04/specials/climate-change-solutions-quiz/index.html>

Looking for a book about pollinators? Try Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver or The Dancing Bees by Karl von Frisch called “the best book for understanding bee behavior.”

WATCH FOR THE SUMMER CONSERVATION NEWS

- The history of the GCA Conservation Committee
- A Climate Change Primer
- Tips for Conservation at Home.
- What’s happening in DC?

POLLINATORS' ROLE IN OUR SOCIETY

OUR FUTURE FLIES WITH POLLINATORS

Pollinators provide many ecosystem services that support the health of plants, people, and the planet. Get involved at www.pollinator.org.

Meet these plants and pollinators, and learn how you can help them at <https://www.pollinator.org/poster-2020>.
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Los polinizadores proveen de los servicios ecosistémicos que mantienen la salud de las plantas, la gente y el planeta. Involúcrate a www.pollinator.org.

Les pollinisateurs assurent plusieurs services écosystémiques qui contribuent à la santé des plantes, des personnes et de la planète. Impliquez-vous en visitant www.pollinator.org.

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Go to <https://www.pollinator.org/PDFs/Guides/CalifCoastalChaparralrx6FINAL.pdf> and enter your zip code for a free PDF copy of your guide for planting for pollinators.



Get ready for Pollinator Week 2020!