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NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK

“Better late the never” goes the old saying....and I am just a wee bit late for celebration National Pollinator Week, June 20-26, 2022. But then again, every day should be one in which we celebrate the pollinators and do all that we can to save them, keep them well, provide food and habitat.....as that is exactly what they do for us! “Birds, bats, bees, butterflies, beetles, and other small mammals that pollinate plants are responsible for bringing us one out of every three bites of food that we consume.”

A bit about the real National Pollinator Week – it is an annual event celebrated all over the world in the last full week of June.....and was started in support of pollinator health. The first NPW was observed in this country in 2017 after the US Senate unanimously approved and acknowledged the week as a necessary step to take in recognizing the urgent issue of declining pollinator populations.

Unfortunately, around 40% of invertebrate pollinator species, especially bees (ex. Honey Bees), and butterflies (Monarchs), face the danger of going extinct. Rising temperatures, scarcity of habitats and food, and increased human activities threaten the existence of many species.

During NPW we are asked to celebrate the pollinators of all kinds, insects, birds, bees, butterflies, bats and beetles, and help protect these creatures in our own environments.

Here are a few simple things we can do in our own backyards:

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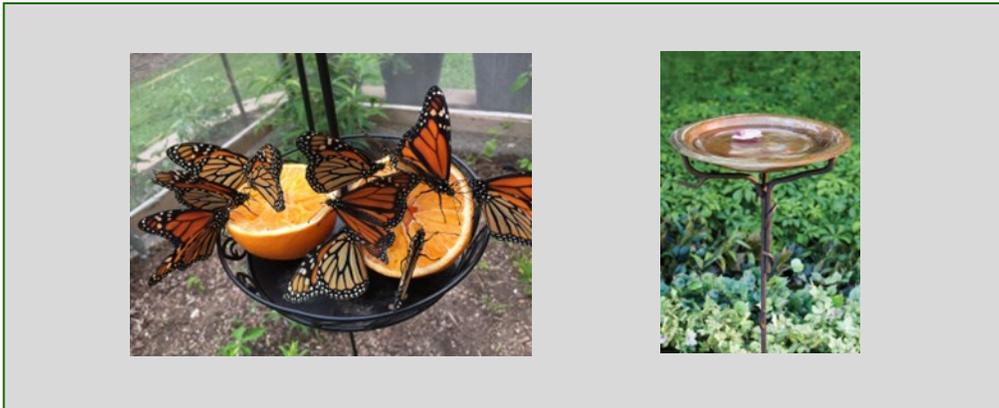
Mason Bee House

Butterfly House

Bee & Butterfly

¹ Pollinator.org

*** Provide Food and Clean Water**



*** Plant the Right Flowers**



**Flat-topped flowers like Zinnias
Give butterflies a place to land**



**The Long beaks of hummingbirds can
reach into tube-like bee balm blooms.**



**Spots on foxgloves, called nectar
guides, show bumble bees the way in**

*Internet –“Plant a Buffet for Pollinators”