



UC MASTER GARDENERS OF PLACER COUNTY

Pleasing Pollinators

Basic needs:

food

water

shelter/space

Food

- Plant nectar, pollen and host plants.
- Plant for year around bloom.
- Provide a variety of blooms. Different pollinators prefer different flower colors or shapes
- Plant patches (3 sq. ft. minimum) of the same plant to aid in locating these resources.
- Best pollinator plants: buckwheats, sages, oreganos, lavenders, and catmints. There are many others. See lists.

Water

- Provide a shallow dish or saucer of water with stones to prevent drowning. Butterflies need damp sand or mud for minerals.

Shelter/Space

- Pollinators need trees/shrubs for perching and safety.
- Layer plants for shade, windbreaks and pupation sites.
- Some bees need mud to construct their nests. Provide a mud puddle.
- Some bees nest in soil. Leave some bare earth.
- Cavity nesting bees need hollow stems, crevices, or hotels.

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