



# Nature Activity

## Invite Pollinators Over

You too can play an important role in mitigating climate change by creating inviting places and spaces for pollinators to visit and rest. A few ways you can help pollinators thrive are by easing some of the challenges they face by making your garden friendly to these wonderful bugs.

## Pollinator Gardens

Pollinator Gardens have a role to play in mitigating climate change. They can store carbon, provide food, “rest stops” and shelter to pollinators (who face many survival challenges due to climate change), and help cool down hot, paved surfaces in cities and towns.

Pollinator gardens are beautiful and help us open our eyes and hearts to the magnificent natural world. They are also home to the many pollinators (insects, butterflies and bees) that transfer pollen on their bodies as they travel from one flower to another.

Pollinators need places to rest and drink water, especially important in the very warm summer months when there isn't a lot of rain.

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Use a container like a bird bath, dish or bowl to create a watering station for visiting pollinators. The most important feature here is to make sure you have materials that sit up above the water. This allows bees and butterflies to land on them so they can stretch out and sip up the water. You can use rocks, pebbles, or even glass marbles to create these perches. Remember to change the water often.



Having a place for shelter and to lay eggs is also very important to the many types of solitary bee species that we have in Ontario. Create a space using household and natural items like empty food cans by removing one end of the can and placing hollow stems (like milkweed) inside or simply tie up some hollow stems and place/hang them in a tree, fence or garden nearby. Replace your stems each year to prevent parasites and disease in your bee shelter. Add some paint (non-toxic of course) and embellishments to make the can look like a bee!



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