



Dear Ceres,

I'm interested in this idea of a Pollinator's Garden. Can you help me get started?

Pollinating Polly

Dear Polly,

I love chatting about the positive reasons to think hard about incorporating a Home Pollinator Garden. Such a garden attracts insects providing food and much needed shelter for birds, butterflies, and bees. Did you know that Pollinators are essential for plants reproduce as well?

A few pointers that help make this type garden successful.

1. Wide variety of plants – like plants placed in clumps
2. Avoid hybrid plants with double blooms, pollinators find little sustenance in them
3. Pesticides - eliminate use whenever possible. Use soaps, Neem oil, etc. at night when bees and butterflies are less active

Our community can educate others in how to help keep our environment healthy.

Here are a few plant suggestions for Pollinator Gardens:

For the sun

Agastache
Asters
Liatris.
Milkweeds
Coreopsis.
Salidago.

For Shade

Prunella vulgaris
Chrysogonum virginianum
Phlox stolonifer
Phegopteris connectilis (Long Beech Fern)
Tiarella cordifolia
Phlox divaricate

Signed,

Magnolia Grandiflora