

Welcome to our Gardens!

Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center Native Plant & Pollinator Gardens

“Bee” Inspired

Native plants and pollinators go hand-in-hand. Butterflies, bees, hummingbirds, moths, and other animals visit flowers in search of food such as nectar and pollen, transferring pollen between flowers of the same plant species. Those pollinated flowers then produce fertile seeds.

Pollinators help feed the world by transferring pollen. They're needed for the reproduction of 1/3 of the about 1,330 human food crops and 90% of all flowering plants. But pollinators need your help because they face threats from insecticides and non-native species.



Go Wild – Landscape with Native Plants

It's easy to help pollinators. The flowers in these gardens are all native to Wisconsin. Can you locate the different species shown on this sign?

If you want native wildlife, you need local native plants. Often, non-native plants lack the nectar and pollen necessary for pollinators to thrive. Additionally, non-native plants can escape gardens and often compete with native plants.

Local native plants support wildlife year-round and are friendly to our landscapes. Once established, native plants require less maintenance. Less maintenance means more time for you to relax and enjoy the garden!



Help native pollinators and enrich your life. Use local native plants in your landscape!

