

Types of Pollinators

● Bees & Wasps

- * Bees are the main pollinators for fruits and vegetables.
- * North America has over 4,000 native bee species.
- * They nest underground, in twigs and debris, or in dead trees.
- * Bees and vision: Bees prefer flowers that are pink, purple, or blue; secondary preferences are white or yellow.



● Butterflies & Moths

- * Nectar-seeking butterflies are daytime garden visitors and moths are their nocturnal counterparts.



● Beetles, Flies & Other Insects

- * Beetle species make up 40% of all insects.
- * Beetles, flies and other insects visit flowers often and contribute to pollination.

● Birds & Bats

- * Hummingbirds are the most common avian pollinators in the continental United States.
- * Hummingbirds prefer tubular flowers in bright, warm colors—especially red.
- * Two species of bat are major pollinators in the Southwest U.S. and help with insect pest management in other regions.

