

Resources for Continued Learning

This guide provides trusted sources to deepen understanding of pollinators, native plants, and habitat creation. Each resource includes a brief description to help you find what's most relevant to your learning or teaching goals.

Learn more about the Pollinator Port Project:

<https://www.thehort.org/the-pollinator-port-project/>

Native Plants & Gardening for Pollinators

[A Different Light – Flowers Through an Insect's Eyes](#)

An engaging article from the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center exploring how insects perceive flowers using ultraviolet vision.

[Native Plants for Pollinators \(Northeast Region\) – Xerces Society Info Sheet](#)

A printable guide listing native plants that support pollinators, with bloom times and habitat recommendations for the Northeast.

[Host Plants for Pollen Specialist Bees of the Eastern United States – Jarrod Fowler](#)

A detailed list of native plants essential to specialist bee species, organized by bee genus and plant host.

[Tips for a Pollinator-Friendly Garden – Cornell Botanic Gardens](#)

Practical advice for creating pollinator habitats through thoughtful plant selection and maintenance.

[Pollinator Resource Center – Xerces Society](#)

A hub of regionally tailored resources for pollinator conservation, including native plant lists and habitat design guides.

Native Bee Identification

[Pollen Specialist Bees of the Eastern United States – Jarrod Fowler](#)

Comprehensive database identifying pollen-specialist bees and their plant preferences.

[Bee Basics: An Introduction to Our Native Bees \(USDA\)](#)

A beautifully illustrated guide covering bee anatomy, nesting behavior, and major native bee groups.

[Introduction to Native Bees \(YouTube – USDA\)](#)

A short video introducing the importance and diversity of native bees in pollination systems.

[Want to Save Bees? Focus on Habitat, Not Honey Bees – Xerces Society Blog](#)

Explains why conservation efforts should prioritize native species and habitats rather than managed honeybee colonies.

[Honeybees vs. Native Bees – Video](#)

A short video comparing honeybees with native bees and highlighting their ecological differences.

Nesting & Habitat Creation

[Nesting Resources for Pollinator Conservation – Xerces Society](#)

Guidance on supporting bee nesting through natural and artificial habitats.

[5 Ways to Increase Nesting Habitat for Bees – Xerces Society Blog](#)

Simple tips for creating and maintaining bee-friendly nesting environments.

Additional Resources

[New Jersey Native Bees Foldout Guide – Winfree Lab](#)

A compact identification and ecology guide to New Jersey's native bee species.

[New Jersey Native Bees \(Video\)](#)

A visual introduction to local bee diversity featuring research footage from native bee studies.