



Create a pollinator-friendly haven in your yard

Amenities for five-star Bee-bnb hosts

- Native wildflowers**
Adapted to local climate and soil
- Sunlit location**
For butterfly and bee basking
- All-season buffet**
Blooms in spring, summer and fall
- All-natural yard**
Avoid pesticides, hardly mulched or mowed

How to get rave reviews for your pollinator patch

A great pollinator patch is in a sunny spot with all the amenities queen bees and butterfly moms need to relax and raise their young. Choose native shrubs, trees and wildflowers that provide energy-rich nectar and protein-filled pollen. (Bonus: They're easier for you to maintain!)

Your yard should be all-natural, with no pesticides or herbicides. Plants should provide a continuous cornucopia of blooms from spring through fall. A selection of butterfly host plants, like milkweed, thistles and nettles will please even the fussiest caterpillar.

A majority of Canada's 2,000+ wild bee species nest in the ground, like mining bees and bumblebees. Others, like mason and leaf cutter bees, nest in natural cavities in wood, stems and natural crevices. Leave a few bare sunny patches of soil undisturbed for ground nesters. Bundle pithy stems and set aside for cavity nesters.

Wild bees you can host



MASON BEES
Use mud to make nests in holes and cracks in wood and masonry
★★★★★ 729



SWEAT BEES
Colourful, sometimes metallic green, nest in the ground
★★★★★ 189



LEAF CUTTER BEES
Solitary, make nests from chewed up leaves
★★★★★ 213

Things for wild bees to do



SUNSHINE OASIS
Sunny yard with stones for perching and basking
★★★★★ 268



ALL-SEASON BUFFET
Flowers that bloom from spring to fall
★★★★★ 102



ALL NATURAL YARD
Pesticide and herbicide-free lawn and garden.
★★★★★ 167

Butterfly host plant faves



PEARLY EVERLASTING
Destination of choice for painted lady and American lady
★★★★★ 102



MILKWEEDS
Local species attract celebrity royals (monarchs!)
★★★★★ 364



DILL, FENNEL, PARSLEY
Swallowtails love any species from the carrot family
★★★★★ 840