

# MEADOW EXPLORER

Look around you, high and low, see how many of these you can find in the meadow:

- Flower Bud
- Fuzzy Seed Head
- Birds Soaring
- Ants in a Line
- Spider
- Buzzing Bees
- Tree with Bumpy Bark
- Colored Leaves
- Dragonfly
- Blowing Grass
- Fluttering Butterfly
- Feathers
- Running Water

Thank you to the Caldwell Environmental Commission and its Garden Committee and to the volunteers from the community who have helped including:

- Master Gardeners of Essex County
- Students from Caldwell University, Montclair State University & James Caldwell High School
- The Home Depot
- Boy Scout Troop 6
- St. Aloysius's Green Team
- Local Landscapers

Sponsors include:



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CALDWELL  
ENVIRONMENTAL  
COMMISSION'S

# POLLINATOR GARDEN



We are actively promoting the use of chemical free, native plants to encourage the restoration of our native pollinators.  
Thank you for your help.

# POLLINATORS ARE IN TROUBLE

Bees, birds, and butterflies face many challenges. Some of them include habitat loss, disease, parasites and environmental contaminants. All of these are contributing to the decline of pollinators.

## What can you do to help?

Visit the following websites to find specific suggestions for our area.

[www.nrcs.usda.gov/pollinators](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/pollinators)

[www.pollinator.org](http://www.pollinator.org)

[www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org)



# OTHER WAYS TO HELP

Plant pollinator-friendly, native plants on your property. Plants should provide nectar, pollen or both, early in spring when food is scarce. Use a variety of flower colors, shapes and scents throughout the year to attract a large number of pollinators.

Do not use pesticides including neonicotinoids as they harm the pollinators. Allow for some plant damage on the plants that are a habitat for the larval form of moth and butterflies.

Provide clean water for the pollinators such as a shallow dish or bird bath.

Leave dead tree trunks on your property for wood-nesting bees and beetles.



Support open space and land conservation initiatives in your town and in New Jersey.

Visit the Caldwell Public Library to learn about their collection of climate change and pollinator materials, which were obtained through a grant from Sustainable Jersey.

