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## Bee Friendly Gardening

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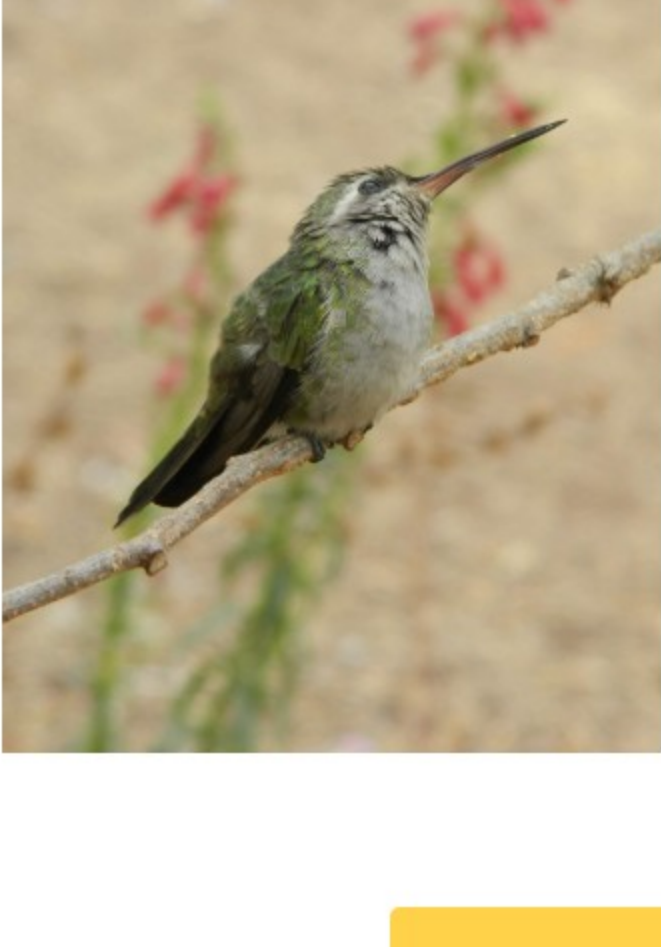
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## Parks as a Refuge for Urban Fauna

A little help for the pollinators of Mexico City

José Carlos Garfias Álvarez, botanist, merchant, member of BFG



Parks are important places, as they are outdoor spaces where people can go for a walk, sit under the shade of a tree, or watch birds without having to leave the city. In Mexico City one of the most interesting parks is Tezozómoc Park, where I have worked with my father all my life. This park is in Azcapotzalco, north of Mexico City, and is also home to birds, butterflies, spiders, and bees, which is why we decided to take care of and improve the planter located next to our “store” using native plants.

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## Bylaws that Build Biodiversity

Empowering residents to create pollinator habitat

You asked, and we listened! Special BFG Member Opportunity!

Many of you have met resistance from your city or HOA when installing habitat. When this happens it's easy to feel discouraged and it is sometimes difficult to stay motivated. We want to empower you to continue with your habitat plans by providing some tools, resources, and inspiration to make you want to keep going.



Join this special Members-Only webinar from Pollinator Partnership Canada's Jordan Phelps on September 10 and find out how you can build biodiversity despite tricky bylaws. September's newsletter will also feature the journey of a BFG Member who became involved with her city government and ended up helping to rewrite the code for “the most cutting-edge ordinance in the state of Arkansas in terms of its protections for pollinators and gardeners.” I can't wait to share these with you!



# Bylaws that Build Biodiversity: Empowering residents to create pollinator habitat

ONLINE WEBINAR - SEPTEMBER 10  
12:00 PT/2:00 CT/3:00 ET

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## Light Pollution

Light pollution is a spillover effect from urbanization and poses several threats to nocturnal animals that have evolved to rely on the cover of darkness for nourishment, protection, and/or reproduction. Light pollution is a relatively recent phenomenon, and animals have not had adequate time to adapt to this new reality, leading to disruptions in their life cycles that can have deadly consequences. For example, migratory birds that depend on navigational clues from the stars and the Moon have been recorded as being disoriented from the glow from artificial light, causing them to crash into buildings or fly in circles until they falter from exhaustion. The effects of artificial light are negatively affecting nocturnal reptiles, mammals, and insects in a similar fashion, leading to disruptions in food chains and ecosystem functionality. Luckily, there are actions we can take as individuals to decrease our own output of artificial light, as we inspire others, including city officials, building managers, and homeowners associations to do the same.

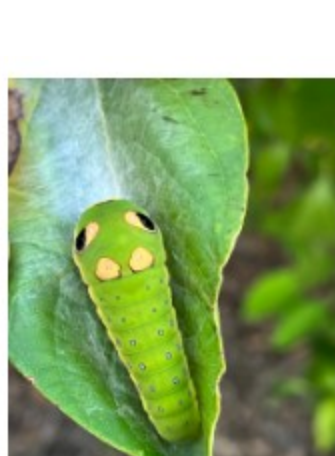
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Pollinator Partnership has a new [Quick Reference Guide](#) as well as an [infographic](#) about light pollution – check them out!



## Tell Us Your Story

We want to see and hear about your Bee Friendly Garden. We want to include your real-life experiences in our newsletter and social media posts to inspire fellow members and provide a platform for you to show off your hard work. Email your garden story along with photos to [bfg@pollinator.org](mailto:bfg@pollinator.org).



We're always looking for content for recurring columns, such as My Favorite Pollinator Plant (make sure to tell us why) and How Many Host Plants? (how many host plants for pollinators do you have in your garden, and which ones?). We love to share stories about how our members are advocating for pollinators in their community – through community gardens, public-facing habitat creation, pollinator-themed celebrations, raising awareness in neighborhoods and cities, and volunteer efforts. Tell us about the neat things you have done! **We'd love to hear from you. Have feedback on the program? Send it to [bfg@pollinator.org](mailto:bfg@pollinator.org).**

## Botanical Bee Blend

The bees have spoken! Meet Botanical Bee Blend™, the first science-backed seed mix designed for Midwestern pollinators that blooms all season long. Researchers found that native bees visited more than 200 flowers, and this is a mix of their favorites. After three years of research and development, Osmia Bee is proud to present our small-batch, Ohio-grown, proprietary blend backed by bees.

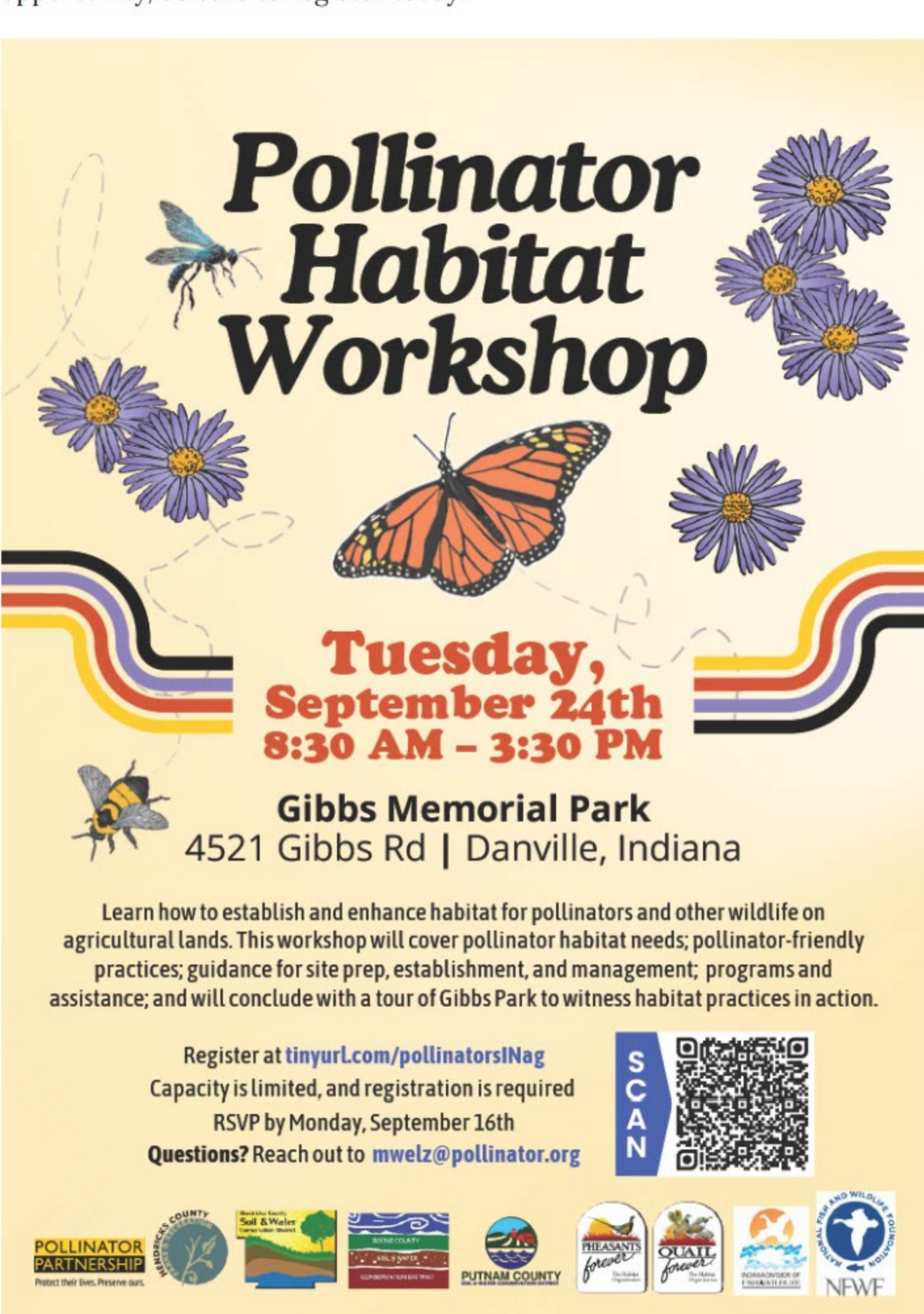


Though created in the Midwest region, Botanical Bee Blend™ is designed to flourish in most of the continental United States. **Ten percent of Botanical Bee Blend™ sales are donated to Pollinator Partnership to support pollinator education through their Bee Friendly Gardening program.** This all-season mix of annuals and perennials is a pollinator's paradise. The mix is ideal for gardeners, orchardists, beekeepers, and farmers – anyone looking to support our powerful native pollinators with plants that bees visit most often. Watch [this video](#) to learn more.

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## Pollinator Habitat Workshop

Pollinator Partnership invites farmers, ranchers, or other agricultural professionals in Indiana and neighboring states to participate in this FREE in-person training to learn how to establish and enhance habitat for pollinators and other wildlife on agricultural lands. Don't miss this opportunity, be sure to register today!



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Thank you from Sara Wittenberg, your Bee Friendly Gardening Coordinator.



## Notable Dates:

- September – National Honey Month
- September 2 – Labor Day
- September 4 – National Wildlife Day
- September 22 – First Day of Fall
- September 28 – National Public Lands Day

**Bee Friendly Gardening is for Every Landscape!**

**Be a part of the Bee Friendly Movement.**



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