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## Bee Friendly Gardening

A Program of Pollinator Partnership

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### The Other Pollinators

Thomas V. Ress



Quick! Name four different types of pollinators.

I'll bet you immediately thought of bees and butterflies. Two others, though, may not have come to mind so quickly. If you did name bats and birds, then congratulations, you have included two very important pollinators! While they don't get the recognition that bees and butterflies do, bats and birds are prolific pollinators and are critical to certain plants.

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### Community Science

Nancee Caye, BFG Member



Every time I go outside, I notice things and wonder: what is that? Does it have a name? What does it do and how does it fit in nature? I take many photos of what I see: insects, birds, plants, interesting cloud formations, and even rocks. What I do with those photos allows me to participate in community science. Community science is when the public voluntarily contributes to scientific research. While I'm not directly involved in a research project as a scientist, my photos and observations can help researchers worldwide carry out their research projects.

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Speaking of community science, we encourage everyone who has [registered their Bee Friendly Garden](#) to [join us at the BFG Naturalist project](#) and upload observations of the pollinators you see using your BFG! This helps us track the impact we are having as a result of providing habitat to our pollinators. Like Nancee said, the observations that you upload help a larger community of scientists learn about our natural world, from [discovering new species](#) to [finding an endangered backyard bee](#) to [allowing live specimens to be photographed for the first time ever](#) – and even [improving your quality of life!](#)

### The Bounty of Bees

As we approach the holidays, food becomes a centerpiece of our lives – whether it's nourishing our bodies from the harvests of our late-season gardens or serving as a central point for a gathering of family or friends. As the delicious smell of nutmeg-seasoned pumpkin pie wafts through the air, or you enjoy a bite of cranberry almond salad, or you sip a rich velvety mug of hot cocoa, remember to give thanks to the pollinators that enrich our lives through the pollination services that they provide.



### Special Members-Only Opportunity

Please [register here](#) and plan to join us!

## Native Hedgerows for the Northeast

Supporting Beneficial Insects

December 13, 2024 at 1:00pm EST

Registration:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86864610456?pwd=ZWp1TVh0SG9kdz02R0Zkd0p1>

Presented By:  
Lacey Smith - Northeast Regional Partner Biologist,  
Pollinator Partnership

### Pollinator Steward Certification

Registration Now Open

We are excited to announce that Early Bird Registration for our Pollinator Steward Certification (PSC) program is now open! There are limited spaces available, so register today to reserve your spot in this educational program offered only by Pollinator Partnership. PSC empowers people with the scientific know-how to make a real difference for pollinators, people, and the planet. This course is ideal for home gardeners, land managers (large and small), farmers, organizations, government departments, and anyone who wants to do more to support pollinators. Register and learn more by visiting our website at <https://www.pollinator.org/zpsc>.

### Love Bee Friendly Gardening?

Please help us meet our goals!

2024 BFG MEMBER GOAL

1,000

712

2024 GARDEN GOAL

500

475

We are so close to meeting our 2024 year-end goals – and you are our most valuable asset! Word of mouth is the best way to recruit new members and increase pollinator-friendly habitat on the landscape. We hope you will encourage those in your life to do more to help pollinators and consider joining the Bee Friendly Gardening Program. But in the meantime – have you [registered your Bee Friendly Garden?](#) We only need 25 more members to register their BFG to meet our goal of 500 Bee Friendly Gardens on the ground. As an added bonus, if 25 more members register by December 31, we will randomly select one of you to receive a free BFG sign for your newly registered garden!

Check out these beautiful photos entered by BFG members (clockwise from top left): Scholl Community Garden, Tracy Garstka, Kristin Wyatt, and Jose Carlos Garfias. These will automatically be entered in our BFG sign photo contest in 2025 – we would love to include yours as well. Let your family know that a BFG sign is on your holiday wish list! Photograph it next spring/summer when your garden is in full bloom and send it our way. (Once you register your BFG, instructions for ordering a sign are sent to you.)

### Help Us Track Our Impact!

One of the ways we can demonstrate the collective impact we as BFG Members are having is by quantifying the amount of pollinator-friendly habitat we are putting on the landscape. We gather this information by asking for garden size when members [register their Bee Friendly Gardens](#); however, it seems that we may have been unclear as to what unit to use when reporting the size of your garden. We are trying to clarify all garden sizes in square feet. Can you help us? If you haven't already responded to our email request verifying your Bee Friendly Garden size, can you please send us your best estimate? Please use the following equations to calculate your Bee Friendly Garden's size in square feet and then email that number to [bf@pollinator.org](mailto:bf@pollinator.org). Thank you for your assistance on this matter!

To convert units to square feet:

\* acres x 43,560

\* square meters x 10,764

\* hectares x 107,600

My garden is \_\_\_\_\_ square feet in size.

Thank you from Sara Wittenberg, your Bee Friendly Gardening Manager

### Notable Dates:

- December 3 – Giving Tuesday: [Donate to Bee Friendly Gardening](#)
- December 5 – World Soil Day
- December 21 – Winter Solstice

**Bee Friendly Gardening is for Every Landscape!**  
**Be a part of the Bee Friendly movement.**

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