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The Other Pollinators



birds, then congratulations, you have included two very important pollinators! While they don't get the recognition that bees and butterflies

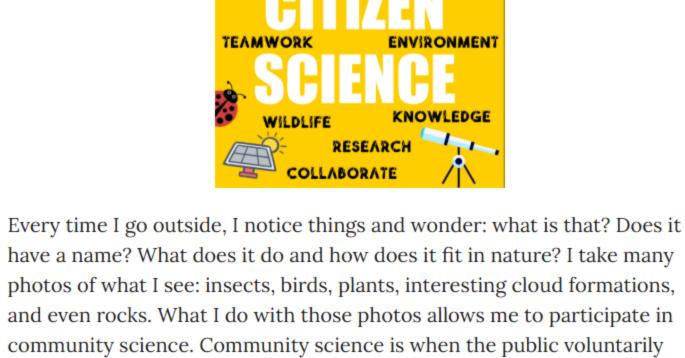
do, bats and birds are prolific pollinators and are critical to certain plants. READ ARTICLE

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

Community Science

Nancee Caye, BFG Member



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.

READ ARTICLE Speaking of community science, we encourage everyone who has registered their Bee Friendly Garden to join us at the BFG iNaturalist <u>project</u> 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

or you enjoy a bite of cranberry almond salad, or you sip a rich velvety mug

improving your quality of life!

The Bounty of Bees

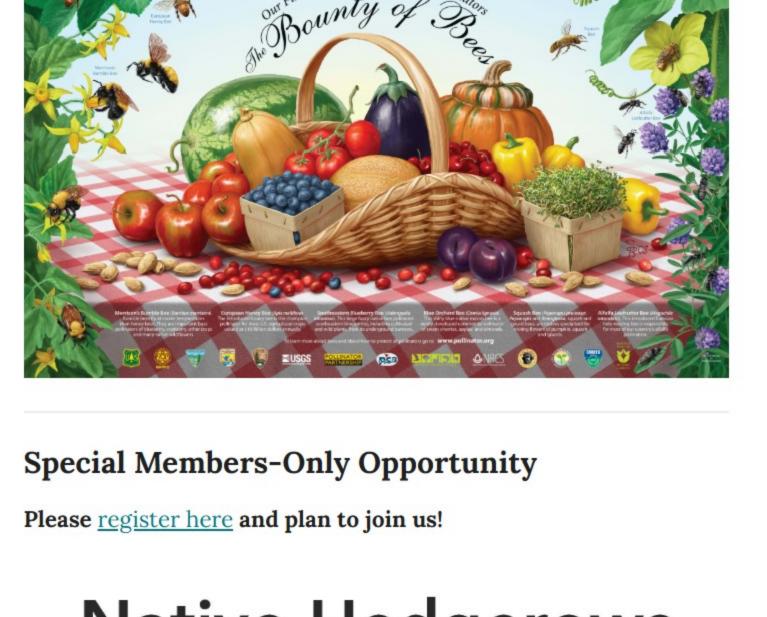
of hot cocoa, remember to give thanks to the pollinators that enrich our lives through the pollination services that they provide.

As we approach the holidays, food becomes a centerpiece of our lives -

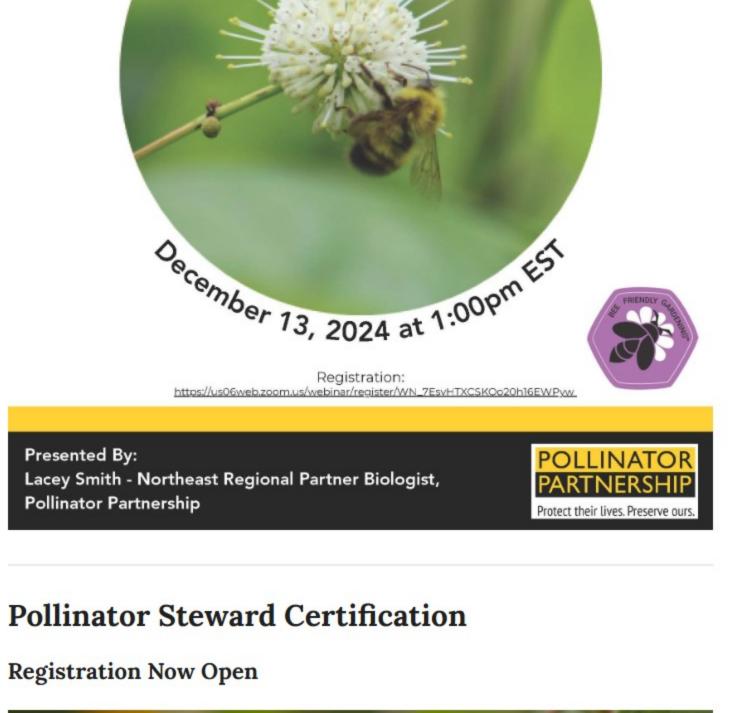
whether it's nourishing our bodies from the harvests of our late-season

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,



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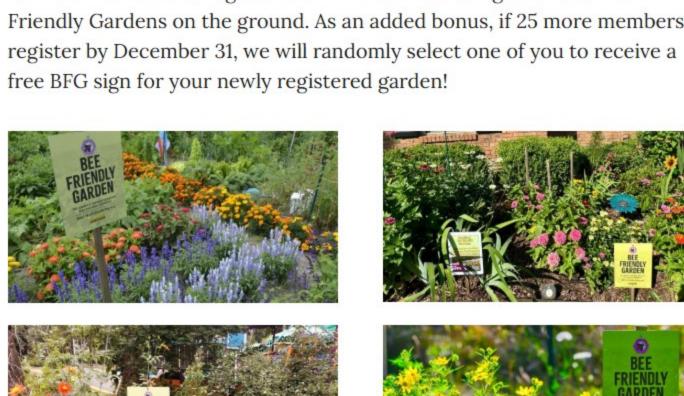
2024 BFG MEMBER GOAL

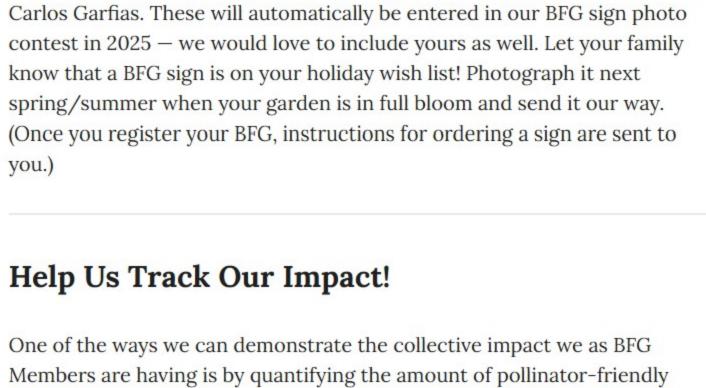
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2024 GARDEN GOAL

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





habitat we are putting on the landscape. We gather this information by

however, it seems that we may have been unclear as to what unit to use

asking for garden size when members register their Bee Friendly Gardens;

when reporting the size of your garden. We are trying to clarify all garden

Check out these beautiful photos entered by BFG members (clockwise from

top left): Scholl Community Garden, Tracy Garstka, Kristin Wyatt, and Jose

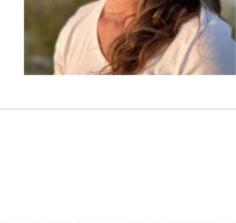
sizes in square feet. Can you help us? If you haven't already responded to our email request verifying your Bee Friendly Garden size, can you please send us your best estimate? Please use the following equations to calculate your Bee Friendly Garden's size in square feet and then email that number to bfg@pollinator.org. Thank you for your assistance on this matter!

* acres x 43,560 * square meters x 10.764 * hectares x 107,600

To convert units to square feet:

Thank you from Sara Wittenberg, your Bee Friendly Gardening Manager

My garden is _____ square feet in size.



• December 3 - Giving Tuesday: Donate to Bee Friendly Gardening

Notable Dates:

- 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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