

## NRCS Reference Guide to Various Pollinator Requirements and Corresponding Conservation Practices

**(Note refer to most recent program guidelines for Core practices)**

The following table lists the primary practices anticipated to be used to provide pollinator resources. Primary practices have specific criteria geared toward providing resources to pollinators. Secondary practices are practices that could have pollinator benefits if it is installed with pollinators in mind. Secondary practices have other principal purposes but have considerations for pollinators in the standard. Other practices may have criteria or considerations outlined within the standard that could be useful in addressing the needs of pollinators.

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| POLLINATOR RESOURCE   | PRIMARY CP CODE & NAME |                            | SECONDARY CP CODE & NAME |  |
|---|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <p><b>Forage (diverse sources of pollen and nectar that support pollinators from early in the spring to late in the fall)</b></p>                     | 327                    | Conservation Cover         | 393                      | Filter Strip                                 |
|   | 328                    | Conservation Crop Rotation | 395                      | Stream Habitat Imp. & Mgmt.                  |
|   | 340                    | Cover Crop                 | 412                      | Grassed Waterway                             |
|   | 386                    | Field Border               | 585                      | Stripcropping                                |
|   | 390                    | Riparian Herbaceous Cover  | 512                      | Forage & Biomass Planting                    |
|   | 391                    | Riparian Forest Buffer     | 635                      | Vegetated Treatment Area                     |
|   | 420                    | Wildlife Habitat Planting  | 644                      | Wetland Wildlife Habitat Mgmt.               |
|   | 422                    | Hedgerow Planting          | 657                      | Wetland Restoration                          |
|   | 612                    | Tree/Shrub Establishment   | 658                      | Wetland Creation                             |
|   | 332                    | Contour Buffer Strips      | 659                      | Wetland Enhancement                          |
|   | 342                    | Critical Area Planting     | 666                      | Forest Stand Improvement                     |
| <p><b>Nest sites (stable ground, holes in wood, pithy stemmed plants, cavities for bumble bees, or overwintering sites for bumble bee queens)</b></p> | 327                    | Conservation Cover         | 384                      | Mulching                                     |
|   | 329                    | Residue & Tillage Mgmt.    | 395                      | Stream Habitat Imp.& Mgmt.                   |
|   | 345                    | No-till /Reduced Till      | 643                      | Restoration & Mgmt. of Rare & Decl. Habitats |
|   | 386                    | Field Border               | 580                      | Streambank & Shoreline Protection            |
|   | 390                    | Riparian Herbaceous Cover  | 580                      | Streambank & Shoreline Protection            |
|   | 391                    | Riparian Forest Buffer     | 643                      | Restoration & Mgmt. of Rare & Decl. Habitats |
|   | 420                    | Wildlife Habitat Planting  | 644                      | Wetland Wildlife Habitat Mgmt.               |
|   | 422                    | Hedgerow Planting          | 657                      | Wetland Restoration                          |
| 511   | Forage Harvest Mgmt.   | 658                        | Wetland Creation         |  |

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|                            |   | <b>647</b> | Early Successional Habitat Dev/Mgmt. | <b>659</b> | Wetland Enhancement                          |
|                            |   | <b>649</b> | Structures for Wildlife              | <b>666</b> | Forest Stand Improvement                     |
|                            |   | <b>380</b> | Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment  |            |  |
| E<br>O<br>U<br>P<br>E<br>R | <b>Pesticide protection (refuge from spray, buffers to drift, etc.)</b> | <b>380</b> | Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment  | <b>612</b> | Tree/Shrub Establishment                     |
|                            |   | <b>386</b> | Field Border                         | <b>412</b> | Grassed Waterway                             |
|                            |   | <b>391</b> | Riparian Forest Buffer               | <b>393</b> | Filter Strip                                 |
|                            |   | <b>422</b> | Hedgerow Planting                    | <b>395</b> | Stream Habitat Restoration & Improvement     |
|                            |   | <b>595</b> | Integrated Pest Mgmt.                |            |  |
|                            | <b>Site management for pollinators</b>                                  | <b>314</b> | Brush Mgmt.                          | <b>647</b> | Early Successional Habitat Dev/Mgmt.         |
|                            |   | <b>315</b> | Herbaceous Weed Control              | <b>643</b> | Restoration & Mgmt. of Rare & Decl. Habitats |
|                            |   | <b>511</b> | Forage Harvest Mgmt.                 | <b>644</b> | Wetland Wildlife Habitat Mgmt.               |
|                            |   | <b>528</b> | Prescribed Grazing                   | <b>666</b> | Forest Stand Improvement                     |
|                            |   | <b>383</b> | Prescribed Burning                   |            |  |

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A set of supporting practices that also greatly benefit pollinators, other agriculturally important insects, and wildlife, are designed to protect riparian corridors by providing alternative watering facilities for livestock. These include Forest Trails and Landing (655), Fence (382), Livestock Pipeline (516), and Watering Facility (614).