

# Protecting Pollinators You need them, and they need you

Pollinators like bees, birds, bats and butterflies are some of the many creatures responsible for bringing us one out of every three bites of food we take. They're a critical piece of the ecosystem which ensures some of our favorite foods like coffee, chocolate, almonds and even dairy products are available.

SMUD and other energy utilities are mobilizing to help support pollinator populations. Utilities manage extensive areas of land along our transmission and distribution lines as well as our wind and solar farms.

SMUD is a member of the Electric Power Research Institute's (EPRI) Power-in-Pollinators initiative, which exists to promote and support pollinator conservation among energy utilities. The partnership shares the latest scientific findings, case studies and tools to assist with the integration of pollinator-friendly practices into utility vegetation, facilities and land management.

## How can you "bee" involved?

To learn more about our local pollinators and how you can support them, visit a nearby pollinator or public garden which are likely to have plenty of pollinators in residence. You'll get to see pollinators in action as they flit and flutter among habitats that provide food and shelter—and you might be inspired to make your own habitat more pollinator friendly. Even a few plants can successfully attract these beneficial creatures and make your yard and neighborhood a more ecologically diverse and beautiful place.

For more information on SMUD's pollinator program visit **smud.org/Pollinators**.

To request a Habitat Kit and learn more about pollinators, visit the following Xerces Society website pages:

Pollinator Conservation in Yards and Gardens xerces.org/pollinator-conservation/yards-and-gardens

#### **Xerces Habitat Kit:**

xerces.org/pollinator-conservation/habitat-kits



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## Visit a Pollinator Garden









- Häagen-Dazs Honey Bee Haven beegarden.ucdavis.edu/
- Stock Ranch Nature Preserve citrusheights.net/516/Stock-Ranch-Nature-Pr eserve
- Butterfly Garden and Playscape at Effie Yeaw Nature Center
   sacnaturecenter.net/visit-us/butterfly-garden
   -playscape/
- Sacramento Historic City Cemetery cityofsacramento.org/ParksandRec/Parks/Sp ecialty-Parks/City-Cemetery
- California State University, Sacramento (CSUS) Arboretum csus.edu/faculty/c/rcoleman/natural%20histo ry%20museums/university\_arboretum/univer sity%20arboretum.html
- Elk Grove Rain Garden Plaza elkgrovecity.org/visitors/about\_elk\_grove/el k\_grove\_rain\_garden\_plaza

- WPA Rock Garden
   cityofsacramento.org/ParksandRec/Parks/Par
   k-Directory/Land-Park/William-Land
- UC Berkeley Urban Bee Lab Evaluation Garden helpabee.org/index.html
- Niños Community & Pollinator Garden with Natomas Garden & Arts Club (in process): Northfield Drive at Niños Parkway, Sacramento natomasgac.org/ngac\_garden/
- San Joaquin Delta College Demonstration Garden
   deltacollege.edu/academics/transfer-and-car eer-pathways-tracs/agriculture/agriculture-b usiness/demonstration-garden
- Bear Yuba Land Trust bylt.org/tag/pollinators/
- UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden arboretum.ucdavis.edu/

### To learn more:

pollinator.org xerces.org eprijournal.com projectapism.org

