



## Plant trees for pollinators

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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, so if you like coffee, almonds, chocolate or honey, thank a pollinator. The problem is that pollinator populations are declining, and many are at risk due to sprawling development, habitat loss, climate change and pesticide use.

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You can help support pollinators by planting the flowers, shrubs and trees they love. And SMUD can help. For 30 years, SMUD has partnered with the Sacramento Tree Foundation (Sac Tree) and planted more than 600,000 shade trees in the Sacramento area. The free trees we offer include many flowering species that attract pollinators.

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Interested in finding out if your property would be a good place to plant a tree loved by local pollinators? [Schedule an appointment with a Community Forester](#) to visit your home. At no cost to you, they'll assess your property, review your tree options—whether they include the trees on the next page or other species—and determine the best locations to plant. You'll have the opportunity to ask questions and get information on planting, care and follow-up stewardship.

# Trees for pollinators

Tree Image	Name	Height at maturity	Shape	Bloom color	Bloom time	Attracts
	Bubba Desert willow <i>Chilopsis linearis</i> "Bubba"	15-20 ft	Round	Pink	Summer	
	Chaste tree <i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>	10-15 ft	Shrubby	Purple	Summer	
	Chinese flame tree <i>Koelreuteria bipinnata</i>	30-40 ft	Spreading	Yellow	July & August	
	Chinese fringe tree <i>Chionanthus retusus</i>	15-25 ft	Round	White	Late spring	
	Eastern redbud <i>Cercis canadensis</i>	20-30 ft	Round	Deep pink	Early spring	
	Goldenrain tree <i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	25-35 ft	Round, spreading canopy	Yellow	Late spring/early summer	
	Japanese flowering crabapple <i>Malus floribunda</i>	15-20 ft	Spreading	Pink to white	Spring	
	Japanese snowbell <i>Styrax japonicus</i>	20-30 ft	Round	White	Spring	
	Littleleaf linden <i>Tilia cordata</i>	35-50 ft	Oval	Light yellow	Spring	
	Marina Strawberry Tree <i>Arbutus "Marina"</i>	35-40 ft	Round	Pale pink	Fall/year round	
	Pink Dawn Chitalpa <i>Chitalpa tashkentensis</i> "Pink Dawn"	25-30 ft	Round	Pink	Summer	
	Prairifire crabapple <i>Malus hybrid "Prairifire"</i>	15-20 ft	Round	Bright pink	Spring	
	Saucer magnolia <i>Magnolia soulangeana</i>	20-30 ft	Vase	Pink and white	Spring	
	Sweet bay <i>Laurus nobilis</i>	35-45 ft	Pyramidal	Yellow	Spring	
	Washington hawthorn <i>Crataegus phaenopyrum</i>	20-35 ft	Round	White	Early summer	
	Western redbud <i>Cercis occidentalis</i>	15-20 ft	Shrubby	Pink/purple	Spring	