

100 Pollinator Garden Challenge for the Washington Area

Participate in the challenge to help our pollinators by providing food, water, cover and places to raise young. Helpful POLLINATORS include bees, butterflies, moths, bats and hummingbirds.

How to get started: Find an area in your yard that receives at least 6 hours of sun to plant your garden. The bed should be planted with natives, perennials and annuals to provide nectar from April through October. The area should also have a water feature such as a birdbath small fountain or a small pond. In addition, it is important to have oak trees in the area and flowering shrubs to provide food and shelter. If installing a new bed is not an option, incorporating pollinator plants into existing beds will still qualify for the Pollinator Garden Challenge.

Pollinator Plants for your Garden:

Natives: Asclepias Baptisia, Liatris, Monarda, Penstemon, Showy Goldenrod, Aromatic Aster, Curlytop Ironweed and Golden Alexander.

Perennials: Columbine, Garden Phlox, Shasta Daisy, Coneflowers, Coreopsis, Catmint, Salvia, Hyssop, Sedum

Annuals: Alyssum, Zinnias, Marigolds, Verbena, Sunflowers

Shrubs: Ninebark, Viburnums, Butterfly Bush



Register your garden: Bring a picture of your garden to the Washington Parks Department Office at 1220 Lakeshore Drive in Washington to register for certification and receive a certificate. For more information, call the Washington Parks Department at 636-390-1080.

Official Certified Pollinator Garden Metal Signs are also available through Washington Parks Department for \$15.00. The signs are a great way to promote this challenge and enhance your beautiful garden. Call the Washington Parks Department at 636-390-1080 for more information.