

POLLINATOR PARTNERSHIP

FAST FACTS

INTRODUCES ECOREGIONAL PLANTING GUIDES

WHY PLANT FOR POLLINATORS?

Loss of habitat was identified by the National Academy of Sciences as one of the contributing factors to the decline in pollinators. Bees, bats, birds, butterflies and other pollinators suffer from real estate scarcity. Both commercial bees and natives are facing diminishing locations for floral resources and nesting; development and edge-to-edge commercial farming have contributed to fragmented migratory corridors for butterflies and hummingbirds.

WHAT ARE THE ECOREGIONAL GUIDES?

The Ecoregional Guides are a series of 24 page, beautifully illustrated booklets describing all that is needed in each Ecoregion of the 35 Bailey's Ecosystem Provinces. To see a map of all the provinces go to:

http://www.fs.fed.us/colorimagemap/ecoreg1_provinces.html

Each guide has a different cover illustrating the farming and wildlife communities of the location. Each has a customized plant list for the Ecoregion, a list of bloom periods, and habitat hints. Specific instructions are given for farmers, public land managers and home gardeners. Also included are how-to checklists, background on pollinators of all types, resources for further investigation, and a request for feedback. Because the guides are online, we can update them and make additions as we receive feedback from users.

ARE POLLINATOR HABITATS HELPFUL?

Of all the stressors on pollinator populations (pathogens and disease, invasive species, chemical assaults), creating clean and accessible habitat is something everyone can do NOW. And the benefits are almost immediate – bees, butterflies, hummingbirds are the visible evidence of healthier, chemical free gardens and hedgerows when pollinator habitat is establish in homes, farms, schools, parks, golf course and corporate lands.

HOW DO YOU GET A GUIDE?

The Ecoregional Guides are FREE for downloading at www.pollinator.org based on a roll-out schedule for all 35. Pollinator Partnership is currently seeking funding to print the guides to help those who need or prefer a printed version

WHAT'S YOUR ECOREGION?

Hardly anyone thinks about the ecoregion they live in – but political boundaries like streets, cities or states, don't matter to the natural creatures who share our neighborhood. These new guides have made it easy for ANYONE to discover their place in the natural habitats of the world using their zip code as a locator. When you're ready to Plant for Pollinators, enter a personal zip code that matches where you live or work onto the www.pollinator.org website, where you'll be matched to your specific ecoregion. You

will be connected to a map that shows you all the other places to which you are connected. Just download your free guide to find your natural habitat.

WHICH GUIDES ARE AVAILABLE NOW?

Guides are rolling out over the next 15 months, with 12 available throughout 2009. We plan to complete all 35 Guides by the end of 2009. If your guide is not online, simply sign up and the Pollinator Partnership will email it directly to you when it is. The titles kicking off the launch are:

- Eastern Broadleaf Forest: Oceanic Province
- Eastern Broadleaf Forest: Continental Province
- Outer Coastal Plain Mixed Province
- Prairie Parkland
- Chihuahuan Desert Province
- Central Appalachian Broadleaf Forest: Coniferous Forest-Meadow Province

A complete list of the roll out provinces, the states they cover and the schedule for release is attached.

WHAT IF YOUR ZIP CODE HAS MORE THAN ONE ECOREGION?

Many zip codes do! After all, zip codes are set up for postal delivery not by habitat. If more than one ecoregion transects your zip code, we'll show you all the choices. Simply go to the INTERACTIVE map provided for your zip code. Using Google technology you can locate yourself from both satellite and highway landmarks.

HOW DO THESE GUIDES DIFFER FROM OTHER PLANTING GUIDES?

Most garden planting and climate zone guides offer information about what CA grow in each location. The Ecoregional Guides offer a more specific recipe of what **SHOULD BE PLANTED** to encourage healthy pollinator habitat. The bonus? Healthy pollinator habitat means mostly native plants that are non-invasive, reduced water consumption, less soil erosion and provide more food and homes for **ALL** wildlife. More pollinators mean more happy flowers and crops. Moreover, the intangible benefit each time a butterfly swoops gracefully down to a plant you have nurtured gives us all the incalculable pleasure of being connected to nature in our corner of the earth.

PEOPLE + PLACE + PLANTS + POLLINATORS = PLANET PROTECTION

Regional Rollout of Ecoregional Guides 2008

Selecting Plants for Pollinators

June

Eastern Broadleaf Forest: Oceanic Province

Including the States of:

- Connecticut
- New Jersey
- Rhode Island

and Parts of:

- Delaware
- Kentucky
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- New Hampshire
- New York
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania
- Tennessee

Eastern Broadleaf Forest: Continental Province

Including the States of:

- Illinois
- Indiana
- Kentucky
- Tennessee

and Parts of:

- Alabama
- Arkansas
- Iowa
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- New York
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Pennsylvania
- Wisconsin

Outer Coastal Plain Mixed Province

Including the States of:

- Delaware
- Florida
- Georgia

- Louisiana
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- and Parts of:*
- Alabama
- Maryland
- Mississippi
- Texas
- Virginia

Prairie Parkland

Including the States of:

- Illinois
- Iowa
- Missouri
- and Parts of:*
- Indiana
- Kansas
- Minnesota
- Nebraska
- North Dakota
- Oklahoma
- South Dakota

Chihuahuan Desert Province

Including the States of:

- Arizona
- New Mexico
- Texas

Central Appalachian Broadleaf Forest: Coniferous Forest – Meadow Province

Including the States of:

- Maryland
- Pennsylvania
- Virginia
- West Virginia
- and Parts of:*
- Georgia
- Kentucky
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Tennessee

July

California Coastal Steppe: Mixed Forest – Redwood Forest Province

Including the States of:

- California

Middle Rocky Mountain Steppe: Coniferous Forest – Alpine Meadow Province

Including the States of:

- Idaho
- Montana
- Oregon
- Washington

August

Laurentian Mixed Forests

Including the States of:

- Maine
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- New York
- Pennsylvania
- Vermont
- Wisconsin

Cascade Mixed Forest: Coniferous Forest – Alpine Meadow Province

Including the States of:

- Oregon
- Washington

September

Pacific Lowland Mixed Forest Province

Including the States of:

- Oregon
- Washington

American Semi-Desert and Desert Province

Including the States of:

- Arizona
- California
- Nevada
- Utah