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California Pollinator Week

Pollinator species such as birds and insects are essential for supporting California's diverse ecosystems and agricultural lands. The state's unique topography and variety in natural settings make it home to thousands of species of pollinating animals, which are critical to ecosystem services and human health and well-being.

Pollinators are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of California's food supply. They are responsible for at least one out of every three bites of food, including nearly all of the essential nutrients we consume. The top ten antioxidant fruits all require animal pollination.

Pollination also plays a vital role in the health of California's ecosystems, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, recreational opportunities, and enhanced economic development opportunities. Because 75% of all flowering plants rely on pollinators for reproduction, pollinators are directly responsible for providing significant environmental benefits – such as climate regulation, disturbance regulation, water regulation, erosion control, nutrient cycling, and waste treatment – that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems.

California has long assisted producers in promoting wise conservation stewardship, including the protection and maintenance of pollinators and their habitats. There has never been a better time for the working and wild lands of California to include pollinator habitat and employ best land management practices to keep pollinators a healthy and sustainable source of ecosystem services for Californians. In 2025, California Pollinator Week will be celebrated the week of June 16-22, and all citizens are urged to recognize this observance.

Sincerely, .

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Governor of California