



Butterflies, Bees & Hummingbirds Oh My!

Stop by the Pollinator Garden at Morton Park and enjoy the different bees, butterflies and maybe even a hummingbird at the Pollinator Garden, south of the picnic shelter.

The Elk Grove Park District encourages all residents to actively enjoy their parks and to look at the beauty around them. Planting and maintaining diverse areas with trees, shrubs and blooming plants provides shelter, habitat, and food sources for pollinators.

One third of all our food comes from sources pollinated by insects, birds, or mammals. Next time you see dandelions or milkweeds in bloom remember that these provide nectar and food for monarch butterflies and other amazing insects.

To grow your own pollinator garden follow these basic concepts:

- Use plants that provide nectar and pollen sources
- Provide a water source
- Plant in sunny areas with wind breaks
- Create large "pollinator targets" of native or non-invasive plants
- Establish continuous bloom throughout the growing season
- Eliminate or minimize the impact of pesticides



Included in the Morton Park Pollinator Garden are Monarda, Buddleia, Echinacea, Dianthus, Geranium, Liatris, Phlox, Yarrow, and Hosta plants.

The Elk Grove Park District is proud to participate in the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge sponsored by the National Pollinator Garden Network.

