

# Celebrate National Pollinator Week

Celebrate National Pollinator Week from June 17 to 23, honoring the essential role pollinators like bees and butterflies have in fertilizing plants to ensure food security. Managed by Pollinator Partnership, the week fosters awareness through diverse activities, from planting for pollinators to online workshops.

Under the theme "Vision 2040: Thriving ecosystems, economies, and agriculture," Pollinator Week 2024 urges reflection on nature's interconnectedness, inspiring sustainable practices to support pollinator populations. The Fairfax County Park Authority actively preserves and manages natural habitats across its parks, covering about 18,000 acres of forest habitat.

Engage the family with hands-on activities highlighting pollination's importance and the significance of native plants in supporting pollinator populations, including efforts to conserve the monarch butterfly. Explore the nocturnal world of moths, vital yet threatened pollinators, and celebrate the resilience and beauty of hummingbirds, cherished for their migratory journeys and pollination efforts.

Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/topics/pollinators](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/topics/pollinators) to learn more about National Pollinator Week and how you can contribute to pollinator conservation.



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Park Authority Board meetings are open to the public.

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