

Children's Pollinator Gardens



The Bee: “Pollen Magnet”

- Approximately 455 species in Minnesota, in North America 3,500 and 20,000 worldwide. Six bee families in North America.
- Lifestages: egg, larva, pupa & adult
- Lifespan: Adult Honeybee Queen, 1 -2 years.
 - Workers: 15 to 38 days (summer), 150-200 days (winter)
- Largest in Minnesota: black-and-gold bumble bee.
- Endangered: Rusty Patched Bumble Bee (since 2017)
- Bees collect nectar, pollen & floral oils
 - Nectar: Carbohydrates for energy
 - Pollen: Proteins & fats for development of eggs
 - Floral oils: to line burrows & protect from water
- Best Pollinators: Bumble Bees, hairy magnets for pollen.

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