

**Attracting Pollinators to the Garden**

**Leader Lesson**

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**Teacher’s Guide**

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**Time needed to teach lesson:** 20 to 40 minutes

**Lesson Focus & Description:** Pollinators are crucial to the production of most fruits, nuts, and berries but are in decline. Providing the right conditions in the garden can attract and support these important pollinators. This lesson will provide important elements needed to support and preserve the various pollinators important to the production of food and other consumer products.

**Objectives:** Understand who the pollinators are and why they are important.

Know the elements necessary to attract and protect pollinators in your garden.

Become familiar with some of the common plants grown to support our pollinators.

**Materials Needed:**

* PowerPoint with notes, either print or electronic version
* Handout for members (fact sheets EPP-7155 and HLA-6430, others from resources if desired) one copy per participant

**Materials Included:** PowerPoint with notes

**Resources:**

<http://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/pollinators/>

<http://www.pollinator.org/>

*OSU Fact sheets:*

EPP-7155 [Nectar and Pollen Plants of Oklahoma](https://www.google.com/url?client=internal-element-cse&cx=015038329102107288713:s-ut1uxb_le&q=https://extension.okstate.edu/fact-sheets/nectar-and-pollen-plants-of-oklahoma.html&sa=U&ved=2ahUKEwjNqbWxoODxAhXBtp4KHadCAQc4ChAWMAZ6BAgEEAE&usg=AOvVaw3ozAFUBPK4RhZW_S1eCSND)

HLA-6430 [Landscaping to Attract Butterflies and Moths](https://www.google.com/url?client=internal-element-cse&cx=015038329102107288713:s-ut1uxb_le&q=https://extension.okstate.edu/fact-sheets/landscaping-to-attract-butterflies-and-moths.html&sa=U&ved=2ahUKEwiT_bmJoODxAhWT_54KHW-rByAQFjAAegQICRAB&usg=AOvVaw1SIZxeVyUJBo8XJrXsm1sE)

HLA-6435 [Landscaping and Gardening for Birds](https://www.google.com/url?client=internal-element-cse&cx=015038329102107288713:s-ut1uxb_le&q=https://extension.okstate.edu/fact-sheets/landscaping-and-gardening-for-birds.html&sa=U&ved=2ahUKEwjp2eecoODxAhXH454KHba3CTIQFjAGegQIBBAB&usg=AOvVaw2v3ApfLGEzuY5afHQ3m5ed)

*Oklahoma Gardening Videos:*

Plants for Pollinator Gardens - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCtBf7veYUA>

Attracting Pollinators to your Vegetable Garden - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oz3g4TPVxSY>

Attracting and Protecting Native Pollinators - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IbOqVHgi7L4>

Mason Bees vs. Honey Bees - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d9jWyGt2VHE>