



## Application for Pollinator Friendly Garden Certification

If you reside in **Pennsylvania**, you are eligible to apply for **Pollinator Friendly Garden Certification**.

Fill out the application and mail to the address below with a check for \$10.00 (non-refundable) made payable to: PSCE Program Fund.

Mail to: Pollinator Garden  
Penn State Cooperative Extension  
112 Pleasant Acres Rd., York, PA 17402

### CONTACT INFORMATION \*Required field

\*Name

\*Street:  \*City:  State: PA \*Zip:

\*County:

E-mail:  Phone  -  -

### Pollinator Friendly Garden Address

Garden is at the same location as above

Street:  City:  State: PA Zip:

County:

### GARDEN REQUIREMENTS

#### STEP 1: PROVIDE FOOD

**1. Nectar and Pollen Sources.** Pollinators need a diversity of nectar and pollen sources to sustain them.

How do you provide food for pollinators? **(\*Required for certification)**

- Choose plants that provide pollen and nectar sources from early spring to late fall \*
- Provide a variety of flower shapes and sizes \*
- When using annuals, choose old fashioned heirloom varieties and limit the use of modern hybrids.
- Incorporate pollinator friendly native plants into the garden \*

From the list below, select the pollinator friendly native plants that you have in your garden. Check all that apply:

#### NATIVE TREES

<u>Botanical name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Amelanchier spp.</i>	Serviceberry
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Redbud
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Quercus spp.</i>	Oak
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) <input type="text"/>	

**NATIVE SHRUBS (must have at least 1)**

- Cephalanthus occidentalis* Buttonbush
- Clethra alnifolia* Summersweet
- Ilex glabra* Inkberry Holly
- Ilex verticillata* Winterberry Holly
- Itea virginica* Virginia Sweetspire
- Symphoricarpos albus* Snowberry
- Vaccinium spp.* Blueberry
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**NATIVE PERENNIAL FLOWERS (must have at least 6)**

- Agastache foeniculum* Anise Hyssop
- Aquilegia canadensis* Wild Columbine
- Asclepias incarnata* Swamp Milkweed
- Asclepias syriaca* Common Milkweed
- Asclepias tuberosa* Butterfly Weed
- Baptisia australis* False Blue Indigo
- Coreopsis verticillata* Threadleaf Tickseed
- Echinacea purpurea* Purple Coneflower
- Eupatorium spp.* Joe Pye Weed, Boneset, Thoroughwort
- Helianthus spp.* Sunflower
- Liatris spicata* Blazing Star
- Lobelia cardinalis* Cardinal Flower
- Lobelia siphilitica* Great Blue Lobelia
- Monarda didyma* Scarlet Bee Balm
- Monarda fistulosa* Wild Bergamot
- Penstemon digitalis* Foxglove Penstemon
- Phlox spp.* Creeping phlox, Moss phlox, Garden phlox
- Pycnanthemum spp.* Mountain Mint
- Solidago spp.* Goldenrod
- Symphyotrichum laeve* Smooth Aster
- Symphyotrichum novae-angliae* New England Aster
- Tradescantia ohioensis, T. virginiana* Spiderwort
- Viola spp.* Violets
- Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Larval host plants.** Butterflies and moths need host plants for their larvae (caterpillars) to eat. Please list the larval host plants that you have in your landscape. (**\*At least 2 host plants are required**)

For a list of host plants, click [Here](#).

- \*1. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- \*2. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 2: PROVIDE WATER SOURCES**

Like all living things, pollinators need a source of water.

How do you provide water for pollinators? (**Check all that apply. Minimum requirement: 1**)

- Birdbath or shallow water source
- Butterfly puddling area
- Water Garden/Pond
- Stream
- Spring

**STEP 3: PROVIDE SHELTER**

Pollinators need places to nest and to overwinter. How do you provide overwintering and nesting sites for pollinators? (**Check all that apply. Minimum requirement: 2**)

- Spaces of bare ground
- Rock pile/wall
- Dead wood
- Man-made bee boxes
- Leave garden cleanup till spring

## **STEP 4: SAFEGUARD POLLINATOR HABITAT**

1. Invasive plants. Invasive plants threaten pollinator habitat by endangering the native plants the pollinators require for survival. How do you safeguard pollinator habitat in your garden?

For a list of invasive plants, click [Here](#). **(Check all that apply. Minimum requirement: 1)**

I have removed or am removing invasive plants that are currently on my property

I avoid acquiring invasive ornamental plants

I am currently protecting an existing woodland or meadow

Other information you would like to share (optional)

### 2. Reducing Pesticide Use

I don't use pesticides

I occasionally use pesticides, but always do the following: **(all are required for certification)**

Clearly identify the pest before taking action

Use less toxic pesticides such as horticultural oil and insecticidal soap

Always follow label directions

Never spray plants in bloom

Spray late in the evening when bees are less active

Target spray only the problem spots

## **About your Pollinator Friendly Garden**

In what type of area is your property located?

Urban

Suburban

Rural

How large is your property?

less than ¼ acre

1-5 acres

1/4 to 1/2 acre

5-10 acres

1/2 to 1 acre

10+ acres

Choose the option that best describes your garden

Home

Business

Apartment

Farm

Community Garden

Other, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

School

## **Photos (Required for certification)**

We would love to see pictures or a sketch of your pollinator friendly garden, both close-ups and an overview.

Please send three pictures or a sketch with your application. We welcome prints, photos on CD and digital pictures.

Please label each picture with your last name and a number, for example: Smith 1, Smith2, Smith 3.

*Please note that all photos become the property of Penn State Extension and may be used on the pollinator website or in educational publications about pollinator friendly gardening.*

I am including photos to assist you in the certification of my pollinator friendly garden and grant The Pennsylvania State University the right to use, reproduce and publish the photographs for any purpose without compensation or any other consideration. By entering your name and the date below, you indicate that you agree with the previous statement:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Submitting your application

### 1. Certify Your Information:

By entering your full name below, you indicate that you agree with the following statement: I certify that all the information provided above is true and that I will strive to use pollinator friendly practices in my garden.

Name:  Date:

### 2. Pay By Check or Credit Card:

A fee of **\$10.00** is required to certify your garden. After your application has been reviewed and approved, we will register your garden and send you a certificate stating that your garden has been certified. After you are certified you become eligible to purchase the Penn State Pollinator Friendly Garden sign to place in your garden. Fee for the sign is \$30.00.

#### To pay your \$10 application fee by check:

Please make your check payable to: **PSCE Program Fund**

#### To pay by credit card:

Please call Penn State Extension at 717-840-7408 and request to make payment for your Pollinator Friendly Garden application. You may mail or e-mail your completed application and photos.

I am paying by check

I am paying by credit card

### 3. Mail or E-mail Your Completed Applications and Photos:

To **mail** your completed application, photos and payment, please send to:

Penn State Cooperative Extension

112 Pleasant Acres Rd.

York, PA 17402

Attn: Pollinator Friendly Garden

Click here to print your application:

To **e-mail** your completed application and photos, please send to:

[PApollinator@gmail.com](mailto:PApollinator@gmail.com)

Please put "Pollinator Friendly Garden" in the subject line and make sure to include your name and address in the body of the e-mail.

You may mail your payment separately or call to pay by credit card.

Click here to e-mail your application:

### 4. The Completed Process:

Please allow three weeks for review and processing of your application.

Please call 717-840-7408 if you have any questions.

**Thank you for helping Pollinators in Pennsylvania!**

