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In Wisconsin, our common pollinators include the [Rusty Patched Bumble Bee](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001B6NKEMHDYzH3BoLo_1My0Xr5y3NfVTQGvL6ZIFmzdQG2IKxjVG_Qw6ZEa5oaTwo6mMUXN8ybhp7yQdfRvZT3aYj6KDo3Bmg9CNbNRt69CCSFcvvpvyhFmm5obQQ1OTFuN4UX9t34mks8uWgtdE8_ifi16ZQslAbKL7eHoyBpvlna33mDbpVpGKwr1bYFo-oYTkhmdqzFpuuwcQSkQ7bjcNIYs1o9KXQT1GZN_7qGgnNxZv3JjMeHbg==&c=NqLAsnvcC49haYACjxwy5TyP9_vY-Fb3aCqJg0Y-5nmfXdOhg0fF6A==&ch=RBHpuBElnj_dS36IZYi8XcXyYPPGAxTQ1pwisk706kZ0f-jneF8mXg==), [Monarch](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001B6NKEMHDYzH3BoLo_1My0Xr5y3NfVTQGvL6ZIFmzdQG2IKxjVG_Qw6ZEa5oaTwo6BhBmkEeChJMKBIZiLWab7woJs11fPox7qLMS3HgGAacIYKpNfwVbKRQPEKHspEpgyN7A_sEJV88HabI4gGP-SlanzCAtlwV1NqtR_G02WVRlFt8KYwzU6vI9Uhg-2N667s2oSyOEqPaD1oXXbvTCEsgTAnIQ-14cpt5ErKMDdAnypMtGNsSiKw==&c=NqLAsnvcC49haYACjxwy5TyP9_vY-Fb3aCqJg0Y-5nmfXdOhg0fF6A==&ch=RBHpuBElnj_dS36IZYi8XcXyYPPGAxTQ1pwisk706kZ0f-jneF8mXg==) and [Karner Blue](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001B6NKEMHDYzH3BoLo_1My0Xr5y3NfVTQGvL6ZIFmzdQG2IKxjVG_Qw6ZEa5oaTwo6dH7Nef-poMlNJsWp8_QnQwlU9Ggw4Zy_TFcv_0vl3tl5T06SKK5TZmLief6g2oAnGEI6KJQm7X-8AekD3wU7yUjQIgQgPFRuJKEphv1huJT1Cb5UEHRV2zoAbBzYE-PYLLOnqhSXxwkLfWr8n3JQ5kxrZSvVnfcPJktAtXgDKhEG40Fy_Z3f0A==&c=NqLAsnvcC49haYACjxwy5TyP9_vY-Fb3aCqJg0Y-5nmfXdOhg0fF6A==&ch=RBHpuBElnj_dS36IZYi8XcXyYPPGAxTQ1pwisk706kZ0f-jneF8mXg==) butterflies and the [Silphium Borer Moth](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001B6NKEMHDYzH3BoLo_1My0Xr5y3NfVTQGvL6ZIFmzdQG2IKxjVG_Qw6ZEa5oaTwo60cDw_feDnajcIIuMJaL0GdOauJDTq-XnHjCqDEcQDMGDtHa98aST6EITaD9wP8k3yDsiVhToT5Xc8aHNMvsSzzPzFkO5Y3MnLlgDBn482B7LtA2Wfzn1mj6s7HjKBlQa-uoD88hvYihQRQCbtSSJXAt8wIc5e0VS4Az2YCPK_htdUwXESlig_A==&c=NqLAsnvcC49haYACjxwy5TyP9_vY-Fb3aCqJg0Y-5nmfXdOhg0fF6A==&ch=RBHpuBElnj_dS36IZYi8XcXyYPPGAxTQ1pwisk706kZ0f-jneF8mXg==). Most of our pollinators are state and federally protected species.  Pollinators have been facing catastrophic threats such as habitat loss, fragmentation, and degradation. In Wisconsin, these losses threaten our wildflowers, ecosystems, our many natural areas, and of course, our crops. As landowners our help is needed by these pollinators more than ever. More than 85% of Wisconsin’s landscape are under private ownership. Planting native plants in our woodlands and openings creates habitat, feeds insects and helps our pollinators.  You can review [Native Plants for Beginners](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001B6NKEMHDYzH3BoLo_1My0Xr5y3NfVTQGvL6ZIFmzdQG2IKxjVG_Qw6ZEa5oaTwo6gbhpDsViZJ3l0X284_t0Nv0a4xGXKeJ_18456yT8z_CRNXhRE0CRVoVHB_6GOgBudnlxev3KRgfQUddZt5o-xfOBPX02o5OFeKxsOApvp8PnVYiI3qI44Fqq1UsTxIg2A2VoWiBZv8sCUugvj3gB6mW8_4WBvPMn&c=NqLAsnvcC49haYACjxwy5TyP9_vY-Fb3aCqJg0Y-5nmfXdOhg0fF6A==&ch=RBHpuBElnj_dS36IZYi8XcXyYPPGAxTQ1pwisk706kZ0f-jneF8mXg==) for a list of species in Wisconsin to grow throughout the year. You can also chose to be specific in planting for [Monarchs](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001B6NKEMHDYzH3BoLo_1My0Xr5y3NfVTQGvL6ZIFmzdQG2IKxjVG_Qw6ZEa5oaTwo6xC14TV5iqdTpXWAhfbXWNwS7N7uqziN3e0FQ0unbZiXsgIWf22rvqTi9YhWgbv5-zSsifbY0OBNtOeTZAQWpzWE424rc-Fc3KA8fmbSisCWARUecYE1uW7qJIMYIr7nR4HOAm--jF0dk8LFZ5wXBNr7102T_5D-s&c=NqLAsnvcC49haYACjxwy5TyP9_vY-Fb3aCqJg0Y-5nmfXdOhg0fF6A==&ch=RBHpuBElnj_dS36IZYi8XcXyYPPGAxTQ1pwisk706kZ0f-jneF8mXg==) and [Birds](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001B6NKEMHDYzH3BoLo_1My0Xr5y3NfVTQGvL6ZIFmzdQG2IKxjVG_Qw6ZEa5oaTwo6yk_-nyBo75s8RieCWtl2gFmBUw1Z5O6mDXpqCYTN4vXVP2plgyehXkrFNDHAzxTlqi4nehFFssS5XQ7w6YNU1WdOx_Kd7YTU-0pUspR9jtMustCMUVpp7Yxv4yjS-3h9pYpkBvh7dfLiAarc_gRISw==&c=NqLAsnvcC49haYACjxwy5TyP9_vY-Fb3aCqJg0Y-5nmfXdOhg0fF6A==&ch=RBHpuBElnj_dS36IZYi8XcXyYPPGAxTQ1pwisk706kZ0f-jneF8mXg==) in Wisconsin. To find a local Native Plant Nurseries, click [here](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001B6NKEMHDYzH3BoLo_1My0Xr5y3NfVTQGvL6ZIFmzdQG2IKxjVG_Qw6ZEa5oaTwo6zHwBMrbInZ04TnT8gZZ_Gdh_-8bgxgm5cCY7NFOnYTiJhmMNo5P9ni4sT8YXYtoj_Nzkpm3Nq6sgNaDYwoKRh4WGyprwUJGV5Fbob9QTUTKlZ8cXKDd9UEROALDu2CAp&c=NqLAsnvcC49haYACjxwy5TyP9_vY-Fb3aCqJg0Y-5nmfXdOhg0fF6A==&ch=RBHpuBElnj_dS36IZYi8XcXyYPPGAxTQ1pwisk706kZ0f-jneF8mXg==). https://dnr.wi.gov/files/pdf/pubs/er/er0698.pdf  Landowners can apply for [**The Seed A Legacy Pollinator Habitat Program**](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001B6NKEMHDYzH3BoLo_1My0Xr5y3NfVTQGvL6ZIFmzdQG2IKxjVG_Qw6ZEa5oaTwo6V0Bep5JTP9P9msDco1BdUixti24EU1ZcwKseL2SqVL31Fj0bbPeJzi46b24E2CSIH46-mZIgJppaP-zCRv25K60ZsYNrPyxK0KG3KJDB53N3wD38cOfRgSHszW09rakHhr9tSSBprw3TIvOm-vNWNo-5yao6CWm5OWT2yRSiGAhzLrXTh8kgkg==&c=NqLAsnvcC49haYACjxwy5TyP9_vY-Fb3aCqJg0Y-5nmfXdOhg0fF6A==&ch=RBHpuBElnj_dS36IZYi8XcXyYPPGAxTQ1pwisk706kZ0f-jneF8mXg==) through the Bee & Butterfly Habitat Fund, which works with private and public landowners and managers to establish high-quality pollinator habitat to improve the health of honey bees, Monarch Butterflies and other pollinators in a 12-state region throughout the Midwest. The Spring Deadline has passed, but you can apply for a Fall 2020 project. | | |