

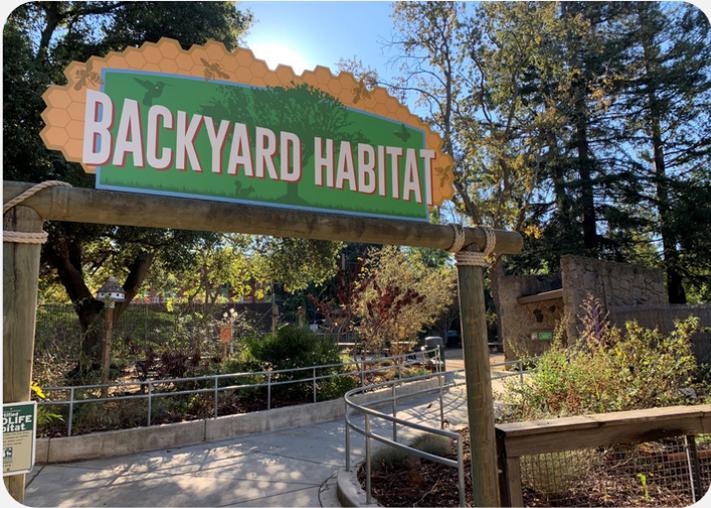


POLLINATOR POWER!



Become a habitat hero for your local pollinators

Did you know that pollinators are responsible for two out of every three bites of food we eat? With pollinators' critical habitat disappearing, they need our help now more than ever. Here are some fun and easy ideas to make your outdoor spaces more pollinator friendly!



Plant a Pollinator Garden

Turn your backyard into a pollinator's paradise! Consider planting native and pollinator-friendly varieties of flowers that provide shelter and foraging opportunities for bees, butterflies and more! Even a small amount of habitat, like a window box or flower pot, can help pollinators. For suggestions on getting started, check out these pollinator seed mixes (each title links to the product).

Growables Planter with Plant Pot

Various seed options that come packaged in a plantable pot, with the option to add a custom design or logo. Eliminates the waste of the seed packet after planting. \$1.45 per pot (minimum order of 125, quantity discounts for larger orders).



Pollinator Seed Packets from American Meadows

A variety of seed mix options are available depending on which pollinators you want to attract. Each seed mixes notes ideal growing zones; each packet covers 10 square feet. Great for individual giveaways. \$0.75 per seed packet (quantity discounts start at 200).

Bee's Best Pollinator Seed Mix from Meyer Bees

This seed mix was developed in collaboration with the Bee & Butterfly Habitat Fund. Each bag has enough seeds to cover 4,000 square feet. Great for seeding a larger space or creating your own packets for giveaways. \$39.95 per 3 oz. bag,



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Make a DIY Mason Bee House



Mason bees are solitary bees that build their nests in small cavities they find in nature, like hollow stems and woodpecker holes. You can make your own mason bee house full of artificial nesting cavities using easy-to-find household supplies.

(If you're scared of bees, don't worry. Mason bees don't sting!)



Materials Needed:

- Can
- Tape
- Pencil
- Paper
- Scissors
- Non-toxic/kid friendly glue
- Non-toxic paint (optional)

Steps

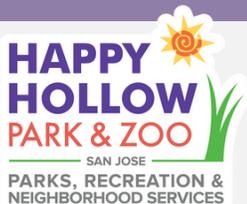
1. Paint the can (optional).
2. Cut a piece of paper into four equal squares, roll the pieces around a pencil, and tape the roll to hold it in place. Continue this step until you have enough rolls to fill the can.
3. Add a layer of non-toxic glue to the inside of the can along the bottom.
4. Place the paper rolls in the can so they fit tightly, staying in place and leaving no gaps, then leave to dry.



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Finished?

Place your mason bee house in an open sunny area not shaded by plants. It should be at least three feet above the ground and secured so it doesn't flap around in the wind.



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