### 6) Long-Legged Flies

- Most species are metallic green or blue in color with slender bodies and long legs.
- Adult flies move from flower to flower pollinating and feeding on small mites, aphids, and thrips.
- These flies often land on bright green or yellow foliage of plants such as Coleus, Elephant Ears, and Ginger Lily.



### 7) House & Flesh Flies

- Most species are dull gray or black in color and flesh flies have white stripes on their back.
- Adult flies feed on carrion, rotting matter, and other liquids.
- These flies were seen pollinating a variety of plants including Coreopsis, Bronze Fennel, and Agastache.

# 8) Paper & Potter Wasps

- Vary in color often having yellow, black, or orange markings
- These wasps are predators of caterpillars and paralyze them with their stink.
- Pollinate Yarrow, Rudbeckia, and Echinacea



### 9) Thread-Waisted Wasps

- long, slender waistline
- The adults feed on flower leafhoppers, and spiders.
- Found on a variety of plants including Coreopsis, Celosia,

### 10) Bee Flies

- Resemble bees with hairy brown bodies and make buzzing sound when flying.
- Have a long proboscis or tongue which helps them capture flower nectar
- Found on a variety of plants including Salvia, Agastache, and Gaura.



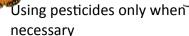
- Receive their name from their
- nectar and also on caterpillars,
- and Verbena





# **Conserve & Protect Pollinators and Butterflies**

by:



- Spot spray rather than cover spray
- Apply pesticides that are less toxic for pollinators and butterflies

# Attract Pollinators and **Butterflies by:**

- Planting a variety of flowering plants for season-long nectar, pollen, and alternative prey
- Providing water and shelter

### Flowers that attract pollinators and butterflies:

Agastache	Celosia	Echinanea
Salvia	Coleus	Verbena
Coreopsis	Bronze Fennel	Yarrow
Lantana	Gaura	Joe Pye Weed
Butterfly Bush	Rudbeckia	Blackberry Lily



# **Fascinating Pollinators and Butterflies**







# Add Life to Your Landscape

# **Top Ten Butterflies**

# 1) Skipper Butterflies

- Common species: Fiery Skipper (1), Silver-Spotted Skipper (2), Longtailed Skipper (3)
- Skippers have stout bodies, clubshaped antennae, and large eyes.
- They use their long proboscis or tongue to feed on nectar from flowers such as Verbena, Lantana, and the Butterfly Bush.
- Larval hosts: Bermuda Grass (1), American Wisteria (2 & 3)



# 2) Sulphur Butterflies

- Common species: Common Sulphur (1), Sleepy Orange (2), and Cloudless Sulphur (3)
- Sulphurs are usually bright yellow/ orange in color and range from 1.5 to 3.1 inches in length.
- Adults are attracted to plants such as Catmint, Butterfly Bush, and Salvia.
- Larval hosts: White Clover (1), Cassia

### 3) Common Buckeye

- The Common Buckeye is brown, orange, and white in color and named for the eyespots on the back of its wings.
- Adults are attracted to plants such as Lantana, Butterfly Bush, and Agastache
- Larval hosts: Twinflower and Fogfruit



## 4) Cabbage White

- of its wings.

- The Cabbage White is grayish-blue in their wings and white fringe around the wings.
- Feed from a variety of plants including Coreopsis, Yarrow, and Sedum.
- Larval hosts: Clover and Wild Pea



## 6) American and Painted Lady

- Both adult species are dark orangebrown in color with dark black and American Lady's have one white spot on the front of their wings while Painted Lady's do not.
- Visit a variety of plants including Lantana, Asters, and Joe Pye Weed.

9) Monarch

Adults are bright

orange with black

wings.

veins and black and

white borders around

Found on a variety of

Lantana, Milkweed,

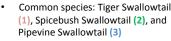
plants including

and Goldenrod

Milkweed

Larval hosts: Ironweed, Hollyhock, and Sunflowers

### 7) Swallowtail Butterflies



- Swallowtails can vary in color and markings. However, most are either vellow with black and blue markings or black with touches of yellow and blue color.
- Flock to a variety of plants for nectar including Agastache, and Blackberry Lily
- Larval host: Wild Cherry (1), Spicebush and Ash (2), Pipevine (3)

## 8) Fritillaries

Common species: Gulf and Variegated

The Gulf Fritillary is bright orange with white and black spots on its hind and front wings. The Variegated Fritillary is a dull orange/brown with black edging and spots.

Feed from a variety of plants including the Butterfly Bush and Echinacea. Larval hosts: Passion Vine and Sedum

### 10) Red-spotted Purple

- Adults are black with bottom wings that are blue-white and with orange spots.
- Found on a variety of plants including Spirea and Viburnum.
- Larval hosts: Wild Cherry and Larval hosts: Common • Oak



# **Top Ten Pollinators**

### **Bumble Bees**

- Adult Bumble bees are black and yellow with hair covering their bodies. They are about 1 inch in length.
- Feed on pollen and nectar
- Found pollinating a variety of flowers including Salvia, Agastache, and Buttonbush.



# 2) Honey Bees

- Adult honey bees are brownreddish in color with yellow rings around the abdomen. They are .75 inches in length.
- Feed on pollen and nectar of flowers such as Coreopsis, Celosia, Agastache, and Salvia.

# 3) Carpenter Bees

- Adult Carpenter bees are shiny black bees with hairless abdomens and about 1.5 inches in length.
- Feed on pollen and nectar of plants such as Agastache, Salvia, Coleus, and Catmint

## 4) Small Bees



Species: Leafcutter and Mason Bees, Mining Bees, Plasterer Bees These bees vary in size from .1 to .9 inches and also some resemble honey bees while others are shiny black or metallic green in color. Found pollinating varieties of plants such as Rudbeckia, Salvia, and Celosia.

# 5) Syrphid Flies

- Adult flies are black and brown with yellow banded abdomens and about .25 to .75 inches in length.
- Also called hoverflies because they are known for hovering
- Feed on the nectar and pollen of flowers such as Gaura, Salvia, and Yarrow.





- The Cabbage White is mostly white in color with black spots on the top
- Attracted to a variety of plants including Coreopsis, Reullia, and
- Larval hosts: Cabbage, Kale, Broccoli

# 5) Eastern Tailed-Blue

- color with orange spots on the back of