



Pollinators, Native Bees, and Native Plant Resources

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Pollinators

Join the **Native Bee Watch Community Science Program!** Learn more here: <https://NativeBeeWatch.org>

Free, online publications:

- A Beginner's Field Guide to Identifying Bees: https://arapahoe.extension.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2022/03/BeginnerBeeFieldGuide_11March2022_LowRez.pdf
- Native Bee Watch Field Guide for Colorado: https://nativebeewatch.files.wordpress.com/2018/03/fieldguide_12march2018_lowrez.pdf
- Creating Pollinator Habitat: <https://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/insect/05616.pdf>
- Attracting Native Bees to Your Yard: <https://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/insect/05615.pdf>
- Attracting Butterflies to the Garden: <https://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/insect/05504.pdf>
- Building and Managing Bee Hotels for Wild Bees: <https://pollinators.msu.edu/publications/building-and-managing-bee-hotels-for-wild-bees/>

Books:

- The Bees in Your Backyard: <https://www.amazon.com/Bees-Your-Backyard-Guide-Americas/dp/0691160775>
- Attracting Native Pollinators: <https://xerces.org/publications/books/attracting-native-pollinators>
- Field Guide to Insects of North America: <https://www.amazon.com/Kaufman-Field-Insects-America-Guides/dp/0618153101>
- Our Native Bees: https://www.amazon.com/Our-Native-Bees-Endangered-Pollinators-ebook/dp/B06XPQX7BH/ref=sr_1_2?dchild=1&keywords=our+native+bees&qid=1587061604&s=books&sr=1-2
- The Forgotten Pollinators: https://www.amazon.com/Forgotten-Pollinators-Stephen-L-Buchmann/dp/1559633522/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=the+forgotten+pollinators&qid=1587061664&s=books&sr=1-1

Plants

Free, online resources:

- Low-Water Native Plants for Colorado Gardens: Front Range and Foothills: <https://conps.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Low-Water-Native-Plants-for-CO-Gardens-Front-Range-Foothills.pdf>
- Low-Water Native Plants for Colorado Gardens: Front Range and Foothills: Prairie and Plains: <https://conps.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Low-Water-Native-Plants-for-CO-Gardens-Prairie-Plains.pdf>
- Low-Water Native Plants for Colorado Gardens: Mountains 7,500' and Above: <https://conps.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Low-Water-Native-Plants-for-CO-Gardens-Mountains.pdf>
- Critter-resistant plants: <https://gilpin.extension.colostate.edu/programs/mtn-hort/critter-resist-plants/>
- Low-Water Native Plants for Pollinators: <https://conps.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Low-Water-Native-Plants-for-Pollinators-brochure-6-8-15.pdf>
- Native Shrubs for Colorado Landscapes: <https://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/garden/07422.pdf>
- Native Trees for Colorado Landscapes: <https://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/garden/07421.pdf>

- Native Herbaceous Perennials for Colorado Landscapes: <https://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/garden/07242.pdf>
- Herbaceous Perennials (by size, height, shade/sun, etc.): <https://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/yard-garden/herbaceous-perennials-7-405/>
- Perennial Gardening: <https://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/yard-garden/perennial-gardening-7-402/>
- Turf replacement and xeriscape resources: <https://planttalk.colostate.edu/lawn-conversion/>

Books:

- Pretty Tough Plants, 135 Resilient, Water-Smart Choices for a Beautiful Garden: <https://plantselect.org/pre-order-our-new-book/>
- 100 Plants to Feed the Bees: <https://xerces.org/publications/books/100-plants-feed-bees> (note: there will be some plants in this book that aren't suited for Colorado)
- Meet the Natives: A Field Guide to RM Wildflowers, Trees and Shrubs: https://www.amazon.com/Meet-Natives-M-Walter-Pesman/dp/191789502X/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=meet+the+natives&qid=1587061526&s=books&sr=1-1

CSU Extension Resources

- Arapahoe County Extension Website: Arapahoe.Extension.Colostate.edu
- The Garden Buzz Newsletter (every-other-month newsletter written by Horticulture staff and volunteers in Arapahoe County): <https://arapahoe.extension.colostate.edu/cmng-newsletter-archive/>
- CO-Horts Blog - Blog written by CSU Extension horticulture staff: <https://csuhort.blogspot.com/> (you can search for key words like pollinators, native bees, #pollinatecolorado, etc.)
- All CSU Extension plant, insect, garden publications: <https://cmg.extension.colostate.edu/gardening-resources/online-garden-publications/>
- Free webinars: <https://csuhort.blogspot.com/p/csu-extension-spring-gardening-webinars.html>
- Native Plant Master program: <http://conativeplantmaster.colostate.edu/>
- Instagram: @ColoradoMasterGardeners
- Facebook.com/ArapahoeCountyMasterGardeners
- Facebook.com/ExtensionColorado