

Pollinator Garden Resources for the Arizona Highlands

(Clicking on a logo takes you directly to an organization's web site.)

An all around great resource for pollinator habitat, with links to pollinator news, research, and resources, including plant lists, specifically the pdf: "Plants for Enhancing Pollinator Habitat in Arizona."



The Yavapai County Cooperative Extension has gardening advice relevant to our area. Bulletin #27 provides a landscape calendar for the quad cities that tells when to plant, prune and amend soils. This site also links to the "Yavapai County Native and Naturalized Plants database."

Want your garden to support the endangered Monarch butterfly? This site tells you where to buy and how to grow milkweeds (*Asclepias* spp.), along with other important tips for building butterfly-friendly habitat. Monarch Watch is also responsible for offering "Monarch Waystation" designation to qualifying gardens.



These four sites are helpful for looking up specific plants—using common or scientific names—to learn more about their range (where they grow), blooming times, and status as either natives, naturalized nonnatives, or noxious weeds, along with photos and other interesting facts. The Wildflower Center's plant profiles also include if the Xerces Society considers the plant beneficial to native bees.



Now that you have attracted pollinators to your garden, find out who they are at BugGuide.net and ButterfliesandMoths.org. Both sites allow registered users to upload photos for free. (Registration is not needed to peruse the sites.) There is so much we don't know about insects, your observations matter!

