

# Pollinator Conservation

## Wild Pollinator Conservation

The implications of pollinator decline, particularly for food production, have led to substantial attention and resources being directed towards insect pollinators.

In the UK, many high profile campaigns and even entire organisations focus entirely on pollinator conservation. See, for

example, Friends of the Earth's [Unknown macro: 'link-window'](#), the Co-operative's [Unknown macro: 'link-window'](#), the Sainsbury's [Unknown macro: 'link-window'](#), Neal's Yard's [Unknown macro: 'link-window'](#), the British Beekeepers Association's [Unknown macro: 'link-window'](#), Syngenta's [Unknown macro: 'link-window'](#), the [Unknown macro: 'link-window'](#) and [Bees Needs: food and a home](#) - a call to action supported by a broad array of these stakeholders in support of the [National Pollinator Strategy](#) (Defra - England).

Broader wildlife conservation often targets pollinators too. Sowing nectar flower mix for pollinators is an agri-environment option in England, for example. Organisations like the [Royal Society for the Protection of Birds](#) and the [Bees Needs: food and a home](#) provide advice on establishing and managing it.

We can all contribute to pollinator conservation by managing gardens, allotments, parks and the wider landscape in ways that are sympathetic to pollinators. For example, improving pollinator food and nesting resources will help to alleviate the pressure these insects feel from agricultural intensification. Furthermore well-nourished populations will be better able to face other challenges (e.g. disease). For practical information on how to improve land management for pollinator

conservation see [Unknown macro: 'link-window'](#) and [Unknown macro: 'link-window'](#).

It is important to ensure that all this effort to help pollinators is informed by the best available scientific evidence, including new findings. IPI scientists have been helping make sure their findings are used.

See the [IPI Policy & Practice Notes](#)

- [Knowledge Exchange for Wild Pollinator Conservation](#) — In May 2012, IPI scientists worked with a group of 32 conservation practitioners to identify their priority knowledge needs for wild insect pollinator conservation.





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