

POLLINATORS IN FORT COLLINS

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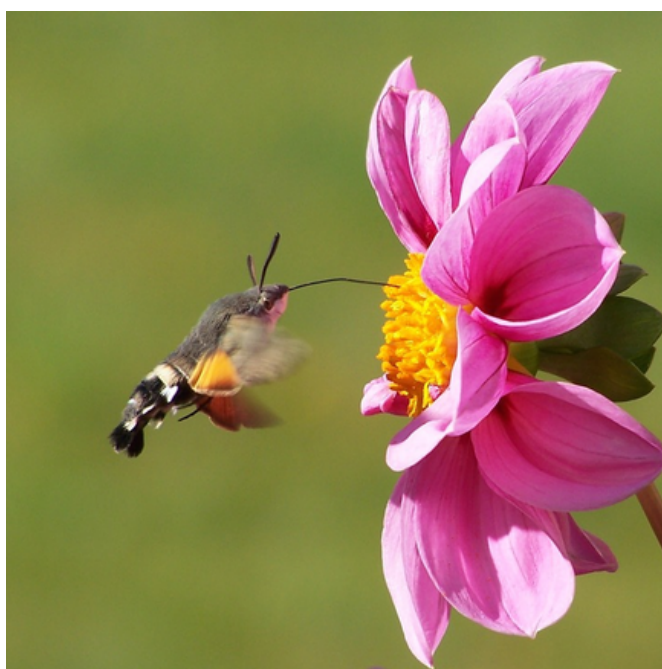


ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Our lives here in Fort Collins are directly tied to the health of pollinating species. Aside from producing delicious honey, pollinators ensure that plants are able to produce fruits for us to eat! Across our city, pollinators work hard every day to help plants flourish. What is a food you like to eat that has been pollinated?

DIVERSITY

What kind of animals do you think serve as pollinators in Fort Collins? Common pollinators include butterflies and bees, but did you know that many other species of animals pollinate plants? Moths, wasps, hummingbirds, flies and even mosquitoes all make our lives more colorful with pollination! Can you discover a new pollinator today?



ECOLOGY

If not for the hard work of pollinators, plant life would not exist in Fort Collins. Pollination allows plants to reproduce, and ensure that fruits filled with seeds are able to develop and spread more plants across the city! However, urban pollinators are threatened by pollution and habitat loss. You can help conserve pollinators by planting local flowers and bushes in your own backyards!

SAFETY

While many pollinators are harmless, there are others who may hurt you with a powerful bite or sting! While bees and wasps can seem a little scary, we can easily live in harmony with them by staying safe! Be sure to never approach a bee or wasp hive, and if you find a hive on the ground, leave it alone. If you see a stinging pollinator, give it space and don't forget to thank it for serving its role as a pollinator!

