Planting Your Pollinator Garden

In Central Texas, small actions by people with city yards, balconies, and patios are important for pollinators. Besides making your space more beautiful, you'll also welcome butterflies, moths, and hummingbirds. Do pollinator gardens feel overwhelming? The best thing to do is what you can do. One milkweed plant in a pot on your balcony is helping our Central Texas pollinators.

Pollinator-Friendly Plants for Central Texas

- African Blue Basil
- Antique Roses
- Blackfoot Daisy
- Bluntleaf Milkweed
- Butterfly Bush
- Chaste Tree
- Clasping Milkweed
- Desert Willow
- Dogwood
- Engelmann's Milkweed
- Firebush
- Gold Star Esperanza
- Indian Blanket
- Jerusalem Artichoke (wild sunflower)
- Jujube Trees
- Magnolia
- Mealy Blue Sage
- Mexican Plum
- Passionflower
- Pink Milkweed
- Possum Haw
- Prickly Ash (Toothache tree)
- Purple & Bloom Salvia
- Purple Coneflower
- Silver sage
- Southern Catalpa
- Swamp Milkweed
- Texas Lantana
- Texas Milkweed
- Texas Mountain Laurel
- Texas Persimmon
- Turk's Cap
- White Milkweed
- Yaupon Holly
- Yucca
- Zinnia

Before You Dig In!

Get to know the space you'd like to plant and then select appropriate plants. Pay attention to sun exposure and soil moisture preferences and remember to pick plants so that you can ensure continuous blooms.

Start slowly. Do a few species during the first year, and add more as time goes on. Plants can tell you a lot about what the garden is like—they may help you determine whether it is wetter or drier than you anticipated.

You Did It!

If your pollinator garden is not the showiest the first time around, don't worry! Every year the plants will become more robust, attracting bees, birds, bats, and other natural pollinators.