

Artspace Pollinator Meadow

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Aren't all bugs more or less the same?

Surprisingly, many native insects, like several kinds of bumblebees and butterflies, are **endangered** in Maynard and throughout Eastern Massachusetts. Learn to recognize them here: <https://beecology.wpi.edu/website/learn>

How did this happen?

Scientists think there are many factors. Habitat loss, overuse of pesticides and chemical fertilizers, and introduction of invasive plants that crowd out native plants are all causes.



Pollinator = Bee + Butterfly + Bug + Bird

Butterflies, bees, bugs, birds, and pollinators of all kinds need three things: food, shelter, and a nest to lay eggs and spend the winter. If these vital things are missing—native plants that provide nectar and pollen and a place to live—then pollinators who need them will decline.

How can I help?

Join forces with the Friends of the Pollinator Meadow!

Monarch butterflies and **native bumblebees** are here now. And find out about bees and their friends from the Native Pollinator Task Force <https://www.svtweb.org/mca-native-pollinator-task-force> working to reduce threats for at-risk pollinators in Metrowest.



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