



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK

June 21-27, 2021

PROCLAMATION

Pollination of plants is vital to a healthy environment, which in turn provides crucial natural resources for the nation, including fish and wildlife and abundant public recreational opportunities. Pollination also plays a crucial role in supporting the nation's farmers and ranchers to enable sustainable and diverse agriculture, providing economic benefits and strengthening our nation's food system.

Pollinator species such as bees, butterflies, birds and bats provide significant environmental benefits by facilitating plant reproduction and thriving plant communities that contribute to healthy air, water, soils and ecosystems.

Awareness and education about the significance of pollinators and their habitats, which can be found across America's urban and rural areas, are instrumental to the wellbeing of pollinator species.

A combination of factors, including habitat loss, climate change, invasive species, pests, diseases and risks from pesticides have led to population and health declines for many pollinator species.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's mission is to protect human health and the environment. The EPA, in collaboration with federal partners, continues to advance scientific knowledge and make significant contributions to the understanding and assessment of pesticide risks to pollinators. The EPA continues to improve strategies to reduce pesticide exposure and mitigate potential risks to pollinators from pesticides, through registration and registration review actions as well as collaborative partnerships.

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the importance of pollinators to healthy ecosystems and sustainable, diverse agriculture, I, Michael S. Regan, Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, do hereby proclaim June 21-27, 2021, as National Pollinator Week at the EPA. I call upon the people of the United States to join me in celebrating the significance of pollinators with appropriate observances and activities.

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Michael S. Regan