Pollinators, including birds, bats, bees, butterflies and many other insect species, are critical for plant reproduction, including our food crops. Pollinators are under immense stress from habitat destruction and now climate change.

San Franciscans can help pollinators and promote healthy ecosystems by planting pollinator-friendly plants that are less toxic, use less water, and encourage biodiversity. Here are some San Francisco native plants and the pollinators they bring:

**Tips to grow a pollinator friendly garden!**
- Visit local native plant nurseries to find native plants for native pollinators.
- Use the SF Plant Finder to build habitat in your neighborhood.
- Look for the Our Water, Our World logo to buy pollinator-safe gardening products.
- Ask a Master Gardener for help with your pest challenges.

Go to SFEnvironment.org/pollinators for more information.
Sustainable Gardening Tips

Employ sustainable gardening techniques and principles for safer pest management and a healthier garden.

Seeking Perfection?
Plants don’t need to be perfect. They can take some insect damage and be just fine.

Observe and interact
Enjoy and observe your garden often, so you can catch problems, like invasive weeds, early.

Everything in moderation
Water and fertilize just enough. Minimize impermeable surfaces.

Mulch! Compost!
To suppress weeds and reduce waste and your watering needs, apply 2”- 6” of coarse mulch. Keep soil healthy by using compost in your garden.

Weeds or dinner?
Not all weeds are invasive. Some of the plants you call weeds, a pollinator calls dinner.