



# BEES & BUTTERFLIES

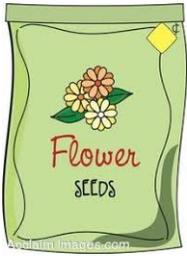


These beautiful creatures play the role of pollinating our plants. This contributes to the production of 1/3 of food consumed by humans. Not only are they important for our food consumption but also animals. Bees and butterflies are the top two most productive pollinators.

90% of all plants require a pollinator so the livelihood of bees & butterflies is extremely important for survival. Without them, crops will not thrive and less produce will be available to us. The entire ecosystem depends on them!

Habitat loss, pesticides, diseases, and negative climate change have contributed to the dramatic decline in their populations. This causes a huge imbalance in our ecosystem. Luckily, there are things we can do to help.

## How to Help:



1. Avoid using pesticides
2. Don't capture or kill them
3. Buy from local farmers
4. Plant flower seeds



Many different flowers can be used to attract bees and butterflies. For example, wildflowers and sunflowers. These flowers are generally easier to plant and care for. They provide a safe habitat for these insects to live and thrive.





## Planting Flower Seeds (General Instructions)

**\*read seed packet for specific instructions\***

**\*do NOT complete without parental guidance\***

1. Choose a location in your yard or garden that gets plenty of sun & remove any weeds from that area
2. Scatter seeds on top of soil
3. Walk on top of the seeds so they're pressed into the soil
4. Do not cover or bury seeds
5. Water seeds until soil is moist, not soaking.
6. Continue watering flowers every day.

Note: If you don't have a yard, follow bean planting instructions from Wednesday during camp week.

