Make Your Backyard Pollinator Friendly

Visit our Pollinator Garden at 1 Geneva Rd, Brewster, NY

Give 'em Shelter: Solitary and social bees need building supplies, structured habitat and shelter from weather.

Include brush piles, bare earth, muddy spots, ornamental grasses and untreated wooden structures in your yard.

Dish up a Variety of Foods: Make flowers available at all times of the growing season. Some pollinators are awake when the snows melt!

Have flowers of every size, large and tiny. Some bees have long tongues some have short!

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- Learn the pest’s lifecycle,
- Choose the least toxic, lowest residual pesticide and be conscientious with systemic or long-residual pesticides.
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Bee Balm
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