# **Grow More Food With Your Pollinator Garden**

#### What is a pollinator garden?

A pollinator garden is a garden that is planted with flowers and other plants that attract pollinators, such as bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. Pollinators are essential for our food supply, as they help to fertilize plants and produce seeds. Without pollinators, we would not be able to grow many of the fruits, vegetables, and nuts that we rely on for food.



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## Why is it important to plant a pollinator garden?

Pollinators are in decline due to a number of factors, including habitat loss, pesticide use, and climate change. As a result, it is important to plant pollinator gardens to provide them with food and shelter. Pollinator gardens can also help to increase biodiversity in your area and create a more beautiful and vibrant landscape.

### How to plant a pollinator garden

Planting a pollinator garden is easy and fun. Here are a few tips to get you started:

- Choose a sunny location for your garden.
- Plant a variety of flowers that bloom throughout the year.
- Include plants that provide both nectar and pollen.
- Avoid using pesticides in your garden.
- Provide water for pollinators.

## What to plant in a pollinator garden

There are many different types of flowers and plants that attract pollinators. Here are a few of the most popular:

- Sunflowers
- Coneflowers
- Lavender
- Cosmos
- Zinnias
- Butterfly weed
- Milkweed
- Goldenrod
- Asters

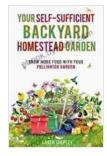
### Pollinator garden design

When designing your pollinator garden, it is important to keep in mind the needs of pollinators. Pollinators need access to food, water, and shelter. They also prefer gardens that are planted in groups of flowers, rather than scattered throughout the landscape.

Here are a few tips for designing a pollinator garden:

- Plant flowers in groups of at least three.
- Choose flowers that bloom at different times of the year.
- Provide water for pollinators.
- Create a sheltered area for pollinators to rest.
- Avoid using pesticides in your garden.

Planting a pollinator garden is a great way to help pollinators and increase biodiversity in your area. Pollinator gardens are easy to create and maintain, and they can provide food and shelter for a variety of pollinators. By following the tips in this article, you can create a beautiful and beneficial pollinator garden in your own backyard.



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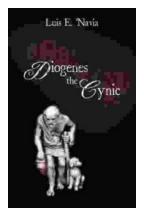
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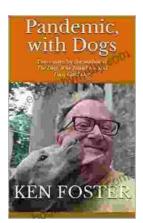


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