

Bee Waterers

Why are bees important?

Did you know that bees pollinate about one-sixth of the world's flowering plant species and some 400 of its agricultural plants? Poorly pollinated plants produce fewer, often misshapen, fruits and lower yields of seed. Humans have not discovered a way to artificially fill the essential niche of the bee.

Without them, the food chain itself would completely collapse from the bottom up.

What can I do to help ?

You can help these diligent insects by making your backyard as bee friendly as possible. One way many people choose to do this is by planting different kinds of plants that attract bees, such as daisies, marigolds, bees balm, echinacea and many others. For more tips on creating a bee friendly garden, visit: <http://thehoneybeeconservancy.org/act-today/plant-a-bee-garden/>.



Another great way to help out your local pollinators is by making a bee waterer. One of the biggest natural dangers for bees is falling into puddles and drowning while trying to get a drink of water. Bee waterers help prevent this because the pebbles or marbles give the insects a safe place to sit while they drink.

Where can I get a bee waterer?

Bee waterers are a fun and easy DIY project you can make using household materials. All you need is a shallow container and some rocks. Line the bottom of the container with the rocks and fill it with a little water. Make sure the rocks are not completely submerged. Place your new bee waterer in your garden and enjoy! Don't forget to refill it during dry spells – your bee friends will need water more than ever in the heat. For more information on making bee waterers, visit: <http://www.instructables.com/id/Easy-Bee-waterer/>

Crafty ideas...

Bee waterers can come in all different shapes and sizes. You can get really creative with them. Some people use old pet water dispensers. Others use marbles instead of rocks and their bee waterer doubles as a pretty garden ornament. As long as there are places for bees to sit and water for them to drink, the sky's the limit!

