

MONARCH MAYHEM

October 6th, 2020
Canada-wide pollinator awareness initiative

Welcome to your complete guide to the program. You've chosen the adventure, now it's time to make it a reality!

ACTIVITIES AND WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Pollinator Power
 - Activity sheet
 - Lesson plan
 - Pollinator-inspired snacks
- Monarch March
 - Information sheet
- Schoolyard Bioblitz
 - Lesson plan
- Pollinator-Friendly Planting
 - Garden sign
 - How-to guide
 - Seed packet
- Monarch Mayhem
 - T shirt
 - Size:

Prepared for:

Number of participants:

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First of all, thank you! Thank you for taking steps to make your community more pollinator-friendly and inspire youth to take action. On October 6th, 2020 students across Canada will participate in up to four pollinator programs that are collectively known as Monarch Mayhem.

These programs are the: Monarch March, Backyard Bioblitz, Pollinator-Friendly Planting and Pollinator Power lesson. When you signed up for the event, you decided what you wanted to participate in and this package includes everything you need to know for what you choose.

Changed your mind and want to do more?

It's not too late! Check out our website to download lesson plans and gardening ideas.

How Monarch Mayhem started

Monarch Mayhem was created for youth by youth. It started as a community service project by Caitlin Brant as a way to fulfil her Stage 3 commitments to the Canadian Conservation Corps (CCC). The CCC is a three-stage program to immerse youth (18-30 years old) in the conservation field run by the Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF) as a part of the Government of Canada's Service Corps program. Caitlin received the Young Leader grant from Women for Nature, the Rising Youth grant from Taking It Global as well as support from the CWF to complete this event.

Get the facts

There are over 1 000 species of pollinators in Canada. These include bees, wasps, butterflies, flies, beetles, hummingbirds and so much more! Although bats are considered pollinators in other parts of the world, Canada does not have any pollinating mammals.

Why care about pollinators?

Did you know that the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) estimates pollinators are responsible in some way for approximately 75% of the world's crops? Or that according to the Government of Canada, 1 in 8 Canadian's are employed in the agri-food industry? Pollinators are extremely important to our food and our economy.

In addition, they are important to Canada's biodiversity. Pollinators aid the reproduction of thousands of native plants, which in turn provide habitat and food for other species. Pollinator's themselves can also be a food source for wildlife.

Pollinators need our help. Habitat loss, pesticide use, increased disease and climate change mean Canadian pollinator populations are in decline. But you can help! By raising awareness, recording populations or creating pollinator-friendly spaces, you are helping take steps to protect pollinators and give them a home in your community.