POLLINATOR PRACTICUM

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# Takeaways

1. To see it, is to believe it – pollinators are all around us, take time to develop a search image for bees, moths and butterflies
2. Get curious, consider plant-pollinator relationships and the timing of restoration activities – life cycles and related foraging and nesting needs are critical to pollinator conservation and restoration
3. Pollinator conservation follows many of the same principles of restoration – structural complexity, and ecosystem function are central to pollinator diversity!
4. The key to habitat restoration is at your feet – ground nesting bees are the most diverse pollinators in WA. Areas of open, undisturbed soil provide nesting sites vital for survival.

# Resources

* The Native Pollinator Habitat Restoration Guide– essential guide for native pollinator habitat restoration in the Puget Sound region, includes site assessment, design and four-phase restoration approach to pollinator friendly habitat. Includes plant lists native to the Puget lowlands known to support the life cycle of native pollinators!

<https://www.earthcorps.org/wp-content/uploads/The-Native-Pollinator-Habitat-Restoration-Guide-EarthCorps.pdf>

* Habitat Management for Bumble Bees in the PNW – outlines bumble bee resource needs and best practices for managing bumble bee habitat, includes additional links to pnwBumbleBeeAtlas.org for bumblebee identification and monitoring methods. [https://www.xerces.org/publications/guidelines/pnw-bb-management](%20https%3A//www.xerces.org/publications/guidelines/pnw-bb-management)
* Pollinator-Friendly Parks by Xerces Society – curious about the life history of pollinators? Great introduction to the pollinator basics, threats to pollinators and strategies for conservation. [https://xerces.org/sites/default/files/publications/21-038\_02\_Parks-Guidelines\_web-print.pdf](https://www.inaturalist.org/pages/seek_app)
* **Bees of the Puget Sound Lowlands by The Common Acre** ­– the go-to weatherproof pocket guide to native bee identification, designed to inspire curiosity and conservation action!

[https://www.commonacre.org/bee-guide.html](https://www.amazon.com/Plants-Pacific-Northwest-Coast-Pojar/dp/1772130087)

# Notes