

# Pollinators

Pollinator species are **vital** to our environment because they help plants reproduce and continue to grow!



Unfortunately, pollinator populations are on a **gradual decline** due to many different factors.



## DID YOU KNOW?

There are many different species of pollinators! The most common that come to mind are **bees** and **butterflies**, but **wasps**, **ants**, **moths**, and even some **beetles** do their fair share of pollinating!



## HISTORY



**Milkweed**, an essential food source for many pollinators, was regarded as a weed and a nuisance for decades, all the way up until 2014 in Canada. Now, there are ongoing efforts to replenish milkweed as well as pollinators!



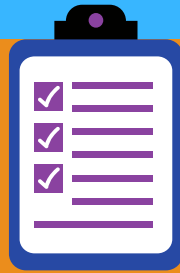
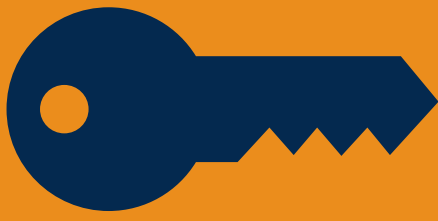
## THREATS

**Human interference** plays a huge role in **declining pollinator populations**. **Unavailable food sources**, excessive **pesticide use**, and **habitat destruction** all contribute to the issue at hand.



## RECOVERY PLAN

The quickest and most effective way to protect pollinators is to **educate the public** on the importance of these insects, as well as their main food source of milkweed. Other solutions would be to **decrease the usage of pesticides** and insecticides, as well as **replenish their food sources** and their native **habitats**.



## METHODOLOGY

A research study involving participants from the **Saugeen First Nation** concluded that pollinator populations have been on a **gradual decline**. Indigenous people have adapted their culture to honor and learn from pollinators, and they replenish milkweed for these insects in addition to repurposing it for their own personal use.



**By replenishing their favorite food and their habitats, we can help protect pollinators!**