

Take Habitat Home

What Is Happening To Our Pollinators?

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Why Should You Care About Pollinators?

Pollinating insects are an essential component in global food production. Approximately one-third (1/3) of all food is made possible by insect pollination. In addition, pollinators are key to the reproduction of 75% of the world's flowering plants that provide food for wildlife, clean our air, and clean our water. Pollinators impact everyone.

How To Plant Your Seed Packet

This seed packet includes native wildflowers that will benefit many species of pollinating insects. Each packet contains enough seed to plant a 10x10 area at a conservation seeding rate of around 20 seeds/ft². However, evenly distributing such a small amount of small seed over such an area can be difficult so a smaller project is much more feasible.

- 1) Timing. Best time to seed this packet is the spring (April – May). It can also be dormant broadcast into existing native seedings (Nov-Feb) as an enhancement.
- 2) Pick a site that gets a minimum of 6 hours of direct sunlight.
- 3) Proper site prep is key to project success. Prepare a seed bed that is free from any other vegetation or residue to ensure seed to soil contact. Seed bed should be lightly worked but firm (a boot print should be barely visible).
- 4) Broadcast the seed evenly across your project area.
- 5) Lightly rake the project to get good seed to soil contact. Ideal seeding depth is around 1/8 inch.

Promote Your Project!

After your project is planted, take a photo and share it on social media using **#takehabitatathome**.



Who We Are

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Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever is dedicated to the conservation of pheasants, quail, and other wildlife through habitat improvements, public access, education, and conservation advocacy.

To learn more about our organization or to become a member, visit our website at www.pheasantsforever.org or www.quailforever.org. To purchase quality seed for your habitat project and support more habitat on the ground, youth in our fields and birds in the air, visit our Habitat Store at www.PFHabitatStore.com or www.QFHabitatStore.com.

Looking for additional resources on great pollinator projects. Visit our habitat education page at www.PheasantsForever.org/Conservation/Habitat-Education.aspx



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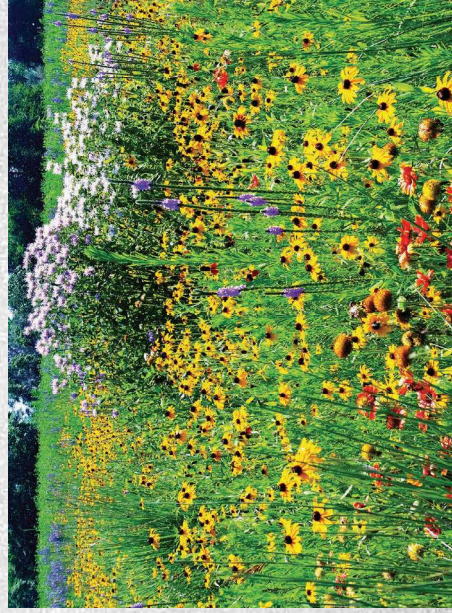
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HOW TO PLANT YOUR SEED PACKET

This seed packet includes native wildflowers that will benefit many species of pollinating insects.

This mix will plant a 10'x10' area.

FOR BEST RESULTS:

1. Pick an area that receives at least 6 hours of direct sunlight.
2. Clear the area you intend to plant of all existing vegetation.
3. Once the area is cleared of existing vegetation, hand broadcast seeds evenly across your planting site.
4. Lightly rake the planted to cover seed with soil.

* Best times to plant this mixture is January – May.