

Make sure to come visit me at one of the Pollinator Gardens that the City of Brampton is creating!



WHAT IS THE CITY DOING?

The City of Brampton is re-establishing pollinator habitat through pollinator gardens, parks and other open spaces across the city.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Try turning your garden into a pollinator garden. Look for pollinator friendly plants at your garden shop. Your garden will look great and the pollinators will thank you! Creating a pollinator garden can seem like a daunting task, but luckily the Region of Peel offers the Landscape Fusion Program to help you create a beautiful, pollinator friendly garden. Find out more at www.peelregion.ca

Make sure to join Brampton's Grow Green Network to learn about how you can protect Brampton's natural areas. Learn more at brampton.ca/growgreen



Hi! I'm Buzz the Bumble Bee! Lets fly on an adventure and learn about meadows!



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MYTHS AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS

Meadows are full of weeds

Meadows are full of native species that may not look like typical garden flowers. The appearance of these wildflowers can lead to the assumption that meadows are full of “weeds.” Weeds are a matter of perspective - one person’s weed can be another person’s flower! The wildflowers in these meadows have their own unique beauty, and are vital to the survival of pollinators like monarch butterflies and bees.

Monarch Butterfly

You might think meadows look messy, but to my pollinator friends and I, they are the most beautiful places on earth.

These flowers provide me with food. My favourite is Golden Rod!



A meadow is a field habitat with grass and flowers

Meadows are often bursting with colour and alive with the sound of birds and insects. These biodiversity hotspots not only support a variety of plants, animals and insects, but also help mitigate flooding by holding rainwater and capture carbon. Meadows are being harmed as we continue to manicure and mow our open spaces. The loss of meadows can lead to a decline in pollinator populations, which impacts our agriculture.

SOME MEADOWS IN BRAMPTON

- Jessie Park
- K.W. Mullings Channel
- Claireville Conservation Area



Provides a habitat for pollinators, ground dwelling birds and small mammals.



Stores water, which reduces flooding.

COMMON NATIVE SPECIES

Plants

- Golden Rod
- Black Eyed Susan
- Milkweed
- Blazing Star
- Wild Strawberry
- Coneflower
- Sneezeweed
- Wild Strawberry
- Aster

Animals

- Eastern Cottontail
- Rabbit
- Deer Mouse
- Ruby Throated Hummingbird
- Honey Bee
- Monarch Butterfly
- Canada Darner Dragonfly

BENEFITS OF MEADOWS



Reduces maintenance costs through reduced mowing, watering and pesticide use.



Offers recreation opportunities such as painting, photography and bird watching.