About the Garden

The Colorado State University Pollinator Garden was established in 2017 to help make campus pollinator-friendly. This garden kicked off an initiative at CSU to become a certified Bee Campus USA. This garden was designed to support pollinators by providing consistent food sources, nesting spaces, and signage to educate the campus community about pollinators. Learn more at https://www.fm.colostate.edu/pollinators.

3 Most Popular Plants Among the Bees

1. Yellow Aster  
   *Pentaphyloides floribunda*

2. Purple Salvia  
   *Salvia spp.*

3. Rocky Mountain Penstemon  
   *Penstemon strictus*

About Native Bee Watch

Native Bee Watch is a statewide community science project that began in 2016 at Colorado State University. Colorado is home to over 900 native bee species! This project explores the biodiversity of bees while learning more about the plants they pollinate and the environments they live in. All training is provided to volunteers willing to observe native bees in their landscape. Visit NativeBeeWatch.org!
We saw 3.45x more bees on clear days!

By the Bees!
Over 550 bees were observed by our volunteers at the CSU Pollinator garden during the 2020 season!

*Honey Bees* 50.3%
*Striped Sweat Bee* 11.5%
*Tiny Dark Bee* 14.3%
*Green Metallic Bee* 5.2%
*Hairy Belly Bee* 5.7%
*Bumble Bee* 9.5%
*Hairy Leg Bee* 3.4%

"Who knew there was so much going on in the gardens? The catmint was covered in honey bees and I even saw a green metallic bee on some Coreopsis!"  
-Sam Palmer, NBW Intern

The best temperature to spot bees was in the 70s!