

# PROTECTING POLLINATOR HEALTH

## Midwest

### Understanding Our Pollinators

Bees pollinate more than

**16%**



of flowering plant species.

*Including those found in yards, landscapes, and parks in our communities and across the country.\**



### Creating a Pollinator-Friendly Garden

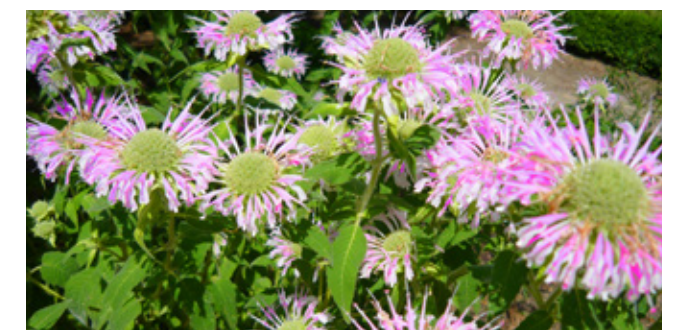
*A balanced bee diet includes nectar and pollen. Planting a variety of pollinator-friendly plants gives pollinators multiple flower shapes and continuous blooms from which to choose.*

- 1.** Choose **native flowers and plants** when planning your garden.
- 2.** Select plants with a **variety of flower colors, shapes and sizes.**
- 3.** **Clustered flowers of one species** will attract more pollinators than individual plants.
- 4.** A healthy pollinator garden offers bees **clean water sources scattered throughout.**

### Choosing Pollinator-Friendly Plants



Golden Alexanders



Wild Bergamot

\*U.S. Department of Agriculture, Report on National Stakeholders Conference on Honey Bee Health, 2012