Native Bee & Butterfly Pollinators Homestead Farm

How to Improve Bee Habitat Nesting Feeding



BEES

Sweat Bees

Green: Agapostemon angelicus Agapostemon texanus **Striped:** *Halictus ligatus*

Halictus tripartitus Dark: Lasioglossum (10 species)

Plasterer Bee Colletes mandibularis

Resin Mason Bee Dianthidium curvatum

Chimney/Mining Bee Perdita ignota isopappi **Ptilothirx bombiformis**

Sunflower Bee Svastra atripes

Squash Bees

Small: Eucera pruinosa Large: Eucera kansensis Eucera strenua

Longhorned Bees Melissodes (4 species)

Leafcutter Bee Megachile brevis

Small Carpenter Bee Ceratina shinnersi

Cuckoo Bee Sphecodes sp.

BUTTERFLIES

Skippers Anatrytone logan (Orange skipper) Hylephila phyleus (Grass/Fiery skipper) Lerema accius (Southern Dark/Clouded) Lerodea eufala (Southern/Eufala skipper)

Whites & Sulphurs Nathalis iole (Dainty Sulphur)



Leave bare ground for ground-nesters' young to survive until spring



Leave stems and leafy growth for cavity-nesting bees



Leave woody areas for wood-nesting bees

Maintain diverse native flower meadows blooming from **April to August** to provide bees with nectar & pollen



Blue sage



Sunflowe



Bee balm





Cavity or wood nesters



Specialist larvae feed on few species in 1 plant family

Generalist larvae feed on several species in > 2 plant families















Southern/Eufala