

# Pollinators

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*These books cover identification, ecology, and management of native pollinator species relevant to Oklahoma.*

*\* marks resources that are particularly good for Oklahoma.*

**Arkansas Butterflies and Moths (2nd ed.).** Lori A. Spencer. Ozark Society Foundation. Little Rock, AR. 2014. ISBN 978-0-912456-27-2. 314 p.

**\*Attracting Native Pollinators- The Xerces Society Guide.** Eric Mader, Matthew Shepherd, Mace Vaughn, Scott Hoffman Black and Gretchen LeBuhn. Storey Publishing. North Adams, MA. 2011. ISBN 978-1-60342-695-4. 371 p.  
*Very good resource for knowledge on native pollinators.*

**Bee Basics: An Introduction to Our Native Bees.** Beatriz Moissett, Ph.D., and Stephen Buchmann, Ph.D. USDA Forest Service and Pollinator Partnership FS-960. 2010. pp. 40 p.

**Bee Conservation: Evidence for the Effects of Interventions.** Lynn V. Dicks, David A. Showler, and William J. Sutherland. Pelagic Publishing. Exeter, UK. 2010. ISBN 978-1-907807-00-8. 139 p.

**Bees: An Identification and Native Plant Forage Guide.** Heather Holm. Pollinator Press, LLC. 2017. ISBN 9780991356355 224 p. *From the cover: "Includes tree, shrub, and perennial plant profiles for the Midwest, Great Lakes, and Northeast regions."*

**\*The Bees In Your Backyard: A Guide to North America's Bees.** Joseph S. Wilson and Olivia Messinger Carril. Princeton University Press. Princeton, NJ. 2016. ISBN 978-0-691-16077-1. 288 p. *Excellent guide for native bees. This is not a general ID guide. While the terminology used may be more than the average gardener needs, it is presented in a way that is accessible to anyone willing to put in the effort.*

**Bees, Wasps, and Ants: The Indispensable Role of Hymenoptera in Gardens.** Eric Grissell. Timber Press. Portland, OR. 2010. ISBN 978-0-88192-988-1. 335 p.

**\*Bumble Bees of North America: An Identification Guide.** Paul Williams, Robbin Thorp, Leif Richardson, and Sheila Colla. Princeton University Press. Princeton, NJ. 2014. ISBN 978-0-691-15222-6. 208 p.

**Butterflies and Moths: A Golden Guide.** Robert T. Mitchell and Herbert S. Zim. St. Martin's Press. 1990. ISBN 1-58238-136-4. 160 p.

**\*Butterflies of Oklahoma, Kansas, and North Texas.** John M. Dole, Walter B. Gerard and John M. Nelson. University of Oklahoma Press. 2004. ISBN 0-8061-3554-9. 282 p.  
*Excellent book for Oklahoma. Gives the host plant species.*

**Butterfly Gardens: Luring Nature's Loveliest Pollinators to Your Yard.** Alcinda Lewis, ed.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden Publications. Brooklyn, NY. 1995. ISBN 0-945352-88-3. 111 p.

*Caterpillars: The concise field guide to 120 common caterpillars of North America.* Amy Bartlett Wright. Houghton Mifflin Company. 1993. ISBN 0-395-91184-2 128 p.

*Caterpillars in the Field and Garden: A Field Guide To The Butterfly Caterpillars of North America.* Thomas J. Allen, Jim P. Brock, and Jeffrey Glassberg. Oxford Press 2005. ISBN 978-0-19-514987-6. 232 p.

*Common Bees of Eastern North America.* Messinger Carril, Olivia, and Joseph S. Wilson. Princeton University Press. 2021. ISBN 9780691218694. 288 p.

*Caterpillars of Eastern North America: A Guide to Identification and Natural History (Princeton Field Guides.)* David L. Wagner. Princeton University Press. 2005. ISBN 0-691-12143-5. 512 p.

*Farming with Native Beneficial Insects: Ecological Pest Control Solutions. The Xerces Society Guide.* Eric Lee-Mader, Jennifer Hopwood, Lora Morandin, Mace Vaughan, and Scott Hoffman Black. Storey Publishing, LLC. 2014. ISBN 978-1-61212-283-0. 257 p.

*A Field Guide to Eastern Butterflies (Peterson Field Guides).* Paul A. Opler and Vichai Malikul. Houghton Mifflin Company. 1992. ISBN 0-395-90453-6. 486 p.

*The Forgotten Pollinators.* Stephen L. Buchmann and Gary Paul Nabhan. Island Press/Shearwater Books. Washington, D.C. 1996. ISBN 1-55963-353-0. 292 p.

*How to Manage the Blue Orchard Bee As an Orchard Pollinator ( Sustainable Agriculture Network SARE Handbook Series Book 6).* Jordi Bosch and William Kemp. USDA Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education. 2001. ISBN 1-888626-06-2. 88 p.

*Humblebee Bumblebee: The Life Story of the Friendly Bumblebees and Their Use by the Backyard Gardener.* Brian L. Griffin. Knox Cellars Publishing. Bellingham, WA. 1997. ISBN 0-9635841-3-8. 112 p.

*The Life Cycles of Butterflies: From Egg to Maturity, a Visual Guide to 23 Common Garden Butterflies.* Judy Burris and Wayne Richards. Storey Publishing. 2006. ISBN 978-1-58017-617-0. 151 p.

*Good book for children (and adults)*

*Manage Insects on Your Farm: A Guide to Ecological Strategies (USDA Sustainable Agriculture Network Handbook Series Book 7).* Miguel A. Altieri and Clara I. Nicholls. USDA Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education. 2010. Beltsville, MD. ISBN 1-888626-10-0. 119 p.

*\*Managing Alternative Pollinators: A Handbook for Beekeepers, Growers, and Conservationists.* Eric Mader, Marla Spivak, and Elaine Evans. USDA Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education. 2010. Beltsville, MD. ISBN 978-1-933395-20-3. 162 p.

***Mason Bee Revolution.*** Dave Hunter and Jill Lightner. Skipstone Press. 2016. ISBN 978-1-59485-963-2 154 p.

***Milkweed, Monarchs and More: A Field Guide to the Invertebrate Community in the Milkweed Patch. (2nd ed.)*** Ba Rea, Karen Oberhauser and Michael A. Quinn. Base Relief, LLC. 2010. ISBN 978-0-9657472-3-3. 79 p.

***Monarchs and Milkweed: A Migrating Butterfly, A Poisonous Plant, and Their Remarkable Story of Coevolution.*** Anurag Agrawal. Princeton University Press. 2017. ISBN 9780691166353. 283p.

***Moths of Eastern North America.*** Charles V. Covell, Jr. Virginia Museum of Natural History Special Publication #12. 2005. ISBN 1-884549-21-7. 496 p.

***Native Host Plants for Texas Butterflies.*** Jim Weber, Lynne Weber, and Roland H. Wauer. Texas A&M University Press. College Station, Texas. ISBN 978-162-34964-63. 2018. 243p.

***Native Plants for Honeybees: Creating a Pollinator Garden With Biodiversity in Mind.*** Christopher D. Murrow. Self-published. 2014. ISBN 978-148-00110-38. 215 p.

***Native Plants for Native Pollinators in Oklahoma.*** David Redhage and Maura McDermott. Kerr Center for Sustainable Agriculture. 2015. 50 p.

***\*The Natural History of Bumblebees: A Sourcebook for Investigations*** by Carol A. Kearns and James D. Thomason. University Press of Colorado. Boulder, CO. 2001. ISBN 0-87081-621-7. 130 p.

***The Orchard Mason Bee: The Life History, Biology, Propagation, and Use of a Truly Benevolent and Beneficial Insect.*** Brian L. Griffin. Knox Cellars Publishing. Bellingham, WA. 1993. ISBN 0-9635841-0-3. 69 p.

***Pollination with Mason Bees: A Gardener's Guide to Managing Mason Bees for Fruit Production (1<sup>st</sup> ed.)***. Dr. Margriet Dogterom. Beediverse Books Coquitlam, BC. 2002. ISBN 0-9689357-0-2. 80 p.

***Pollinator Conservation Handbook: A Guide to Understanding, Protecting, and Providing Habitat for Native Pollinator Insects.*** Matthew Shepherd, Stephen L. Buchmann, Mace Vaughan, and Scott Hoffman Black. The Xerces Society. Portland, OR. 2003. ISBN 0-9744475-0-1. 145 p.

***Pollinator Friendly Gardening.*** Rhonda Fleming Hayes. Voyageur Press. 2015. ISBN978-0-7603-4913-7. 176 p.

***\*Pollinators of Native Plants: Attract, Observe and Identify Pollinators and Beneficial Insects with Native Plants.*** Heather Holm. Pollination Press, LLC. Minnetonka, MN. 2014. 305 p.

***The Solitary Bees: Biology, Evolution, Conservation.*** Bryan N. Danforth, Robert L. Minckley,

and John L. Neff. Princeton University Press. 2019. ISBN 9780691168982. 472 p.

*Wasps: A Guide for Eastern North America.* Heather Holm. Pollination Press, LLC. Minnetonka, MN. 2021. ISBN 9780991356317. 415pp.