## CLEAR CHOICES CLEAN WATER POLLINATORS

• What are pollinators? A pollinator is any insect or animal that moves pollen from one plant to the reproductive parts of another plant. Pollen is deposited on a pollinator while it is feeding on a flower or plant and transferred to a new plant as the pollinator feeds on it. The flower then uses the pollen to produce a fruit or seed.

As you will see, many insects, birds, and mammals act as pollinators. And while honeybees might be the best-known pollinator, it is actually our native bees that are the most efficient and prolific at the job."

Video: <a href="https://youtu.be/h1oOZzbxJgs">https://youtu.be/h1oOZzbxJgs</a>



• Did you know that about 75% of all flowering plants and about 35% of crops worldwide depend on pollinators? Watch this video to learn more about the threats to pollinators and why it's important to protect them!"

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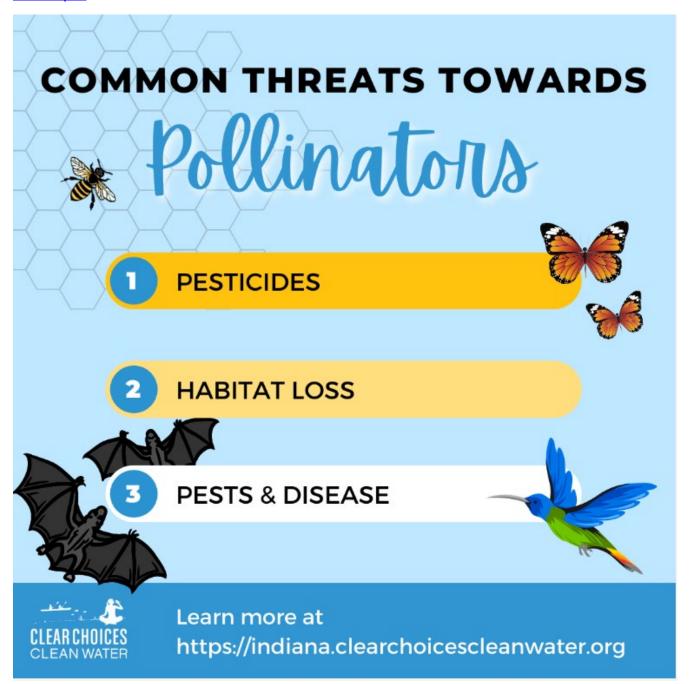


• These are some of the most common threats to pollinators. Check out these links to learn more about protecting pollinators in Agronomic Production!

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You might not immediately see the connection between birds and bugs and clean water, but it's a connection that is growing every year—literally! Pollinators are key to the reproduction and spread of many native plants, and native plants provide food and habitat for pollinators. These native plants also capture, clean, and store rainwater in their leaves, stems, and roots. Less runoff polluting our water, more beneficial pollinators doing their important work. Maybe the next time you take a drink of water you should thank a bee, a hoverfly, a beetle, or a hummingbird for a job well done!

Pledge to protect our water with pollinators at

https://indiana.clearchoicescleanwater.org/pledges/native-plants-and-pollinators/

#cleanwater #pollinators



Pollinators are critical to today's agricultural success, affecting about 320,000 different crops. In fact, more than a third of crops worldwide rely on pollination as well as products like beeswax candles and lip balm. They are also responsible for the reproduction of most of the plants in the natural world."

