

Plan now for establishing a pollinator pocket garden for your yard.

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Moths, butterflies, bees and pollinator insects are running out of habitat, and it is up to you and me to do something to help them.

A nice start is to plant at least one plant like a milkweed that is a host plant and also feeds Monarch, Queen, and Painted Lady butterflies and many more. One plant helps. More plants provide greater help.

Below is a list of plants recommended by Dr. Amanda Skidmore of NMSU, Las Lunas and Jimmy Zabriskie of Robledo Vista Nursery for Las Cruces.

| Botanical Name | Common Name | Notes: (H = Hummingbird, Be = Bee, Bu = Butterfly or Moth) | Pollinator | | |
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| | | | H | Be | Bu |
| <i>Acacia greggii</i> (Senegalia) | Catclaw Acacia | Small tree to ~ H 12' x W 12' | | x | |
| <i>Agastache rupestris</i> | Sunset Hyssop | Great hummingbird plant, 2' x 2' | x | | x |
| <i>Anisacanthus quadrifidus</i> var. <i>wrightii</i> | Flame Acanthus | Great hummingbird plant | x | | x |
| <i>Asclepias engelmanniana</i> | Engelmann's Milkweed | Locally native 3' x 1', larval host plant | | | x |
| <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> | Butterfly Milkweed | 2' x 1', larval host plant | | | x |
| <i>Berlandiera lyrata</i> | Chocolate Flower | Great native perennial, 1' x 2' | | x | x |
| <i>Buddleja marrubiifolia</i> | Woolly Butterfly Bush | 4' x 4' Great butterfly plant | | | x |
| <i>Calliandra eriophylla</i> | Fairy Duster | Pink puffball spring bloom | x | x | x |
| <i>Chilopsis linearis</i> | Desert Willow | Locally native, great native tree | x | x | x |
| <i>Chrysactinia mexicana</i> | Damianita | 9" x 18" | | x | x |
| <i>Conoclinium greggii</i> 'Boothill' | Blue Mistflower | Locally native, great butterfly plant | | x | x |
| <i>Dalea frutescens</i> 'Sierra Negra' | Black Dalea | Great fall blooming shrub 3' x 5' | | x | |
| <i>Ericameria laricifolia</i> | Turpentine Bush | Locally native evergreen to ~ H 3' x W 3', yellow flowers | | x | x |
| <i>Ericameria nauseosa</i> | Chamisa | 4' x 4' | | x | |
| <i>Fallugia paradoxa</i> | Apache Plume | Locally native | | x | |
| <i>Fouquieria splendens</i> | Ocotillo | Great hummingbird plant | x | | x |
| <i>Glandularia pulchella</i> | Rock Verbena | Good butterfly plant | | | x |

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| Hesperaloe parviflora | Red Yucca | 3'-4' x 3'-4', pink flower, great hummingbird plant | x | | |
| Lantana x 'New Gold' | 'New Gold' Lantana | Good butterfly plant | | | x |
| Leucophyllym spp. | Texas Sages | Many species available great for bees | | x | |
| Penstemon baccharifolius | Rock Penstemon | Great hummingbird plant | x | | x |
| Penstemon eatonii | Firecracker Penstemon | Great hummingbird plant | x | | x |
| Penstemon pseudospectabilis | Canyon Penstemon | Great hummingbird plant, locally native | x | | x |
| Penstemon superbus | Superb Penstemon | Great hummingbird plant | x | | x |
| Poliomintha maderensis | Mexican Oregano | Use as an oregano substitute, great hummingbird plant | x | | |
| Prosopis glandulosa v. torreyana | Native Honey Mesquite | Great drought tolerant tree | | x | |
| Rhus virens | Evergreen Sumac | Large shrub or small tree | | x | x |
| Salvia chamaedryoides | Mexican Blue Sage | 2' x 2' | | x | |
| Salvia clevelandii | Chaparral Sage | 4' x 4' | | x | |
| Salvia greggii | Autumn Sage | Excellent hummingbird plant | x | | x |
| Sphaeralcea ambigua | Globe Mallow | 2' x 2' | | x | x |
| Tetraneris acaulis | Angelita Daisy | Locally native perennial | | x | x |
| Viguiera stenoloba | Skeltonleaf Goldeneye | Yellow daisy-like flowers, 3'x 3' | | x | x |

All of the plants listed here are a great benefit to pollinators. Two or three could easily fit into a sunny corner and can be sourced locally or at High Country Gardens.

We encourage you to do what you can.

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