Today's Featured Activity: Support Our Pollinators

Last Tuesday was National Garden Day! Hopefully you were able to get outside and plant a seed or flower, if not there is still plenty of time to plant something. If you need some ideas for what to plant to support pollinators in New York, check out this fact sheet.

This week in honor of Earth Week we want to build on the seed planting and have another activity you can do in to help your garden grow, by making your yard pollinator friendly. Many people think about honeybees or butterflies when they hear pollinators, but there are many other species that pollinate plants, and you can learn more in this Pollinator Activity Book from the Pollinator Partnership, which offers lots of useful information and activities to learn about all the different types of pollinators we may encounter.
One way to bring more pollinators to your neighborhood is by building a hotel! Some bees don’t build hives like honeybees, they are solitary bees, that use holes in trees or hollow plants. You can help them find homes by building a hotel out of items you were planning to recycle, like tin cans and paper towel rolls or you can fill your hotel with hollow stemmed plants you might find on your walks. (Make a Bee House with recycled materials)
If you do make a pollinator hotel be sure to share a picture!

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