

Interested in planting a pollinator-friendly site on your farm?

Learn more about site selection, preparation, establishment and maintenance.



TIP: Patience is needed; it can take two to three years for the root system of new perennial plants to crowd out other plants that have grown in the area in the past. Over time, a pollinator habitat will require less maintenance than your crops!

Enrollment request forms are found at www.peiscia.ca. All applications will be reviewed for suitability on a first come basis. Intake will close when funding has been fully allocated.

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Helping Biodiversity Flourish

Operation Pollinator is an international biodiversity initiative focused on research and partnerships to promote the health and well-being of bees and other pollinating insects.

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Operation Pollinator: Partnering for impact

Syngenta Canada is partnering with the PEI Soil and Crop Improvement Association (PEIS CIA) and in collaboration with PEI Department of Agriculture and Cavendish Agri Services to deliver Operation Pollinator in PEI in 2024 and 2025.

The program provides participants with the opportunity to redirect land considered to be lower in productivity to the establishment of pollinator-friendly habitats for bees and other insects, and thereby offers a practical and meaningful way to increase and improve biodiversity on the farm.

To enroll in the program, producers agree to convert or enhance one-to-two acres of lower-productivity land to establish a dedicated habitat. Participants receive a provision of high-quality, pollinator-friendly seed mix, agronomic advice, and assistance to help offset site establishment costs.

Participants may also be eligible to apply for additional financial assistance via the ALUS Program. To learn more visit: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/agriculture/alternative-land-use-services-alus-program>



To learn more, visit: www.syngenta.ca/commitments/operation-pollinator

Program partners



Pollinator-friendly plant species

- **Alsike clover** – perennial, abundant nectar and pollen source
- **Birdsfoot trefoil** – perennial, honey bees and bumble bees common foragers
- **Phacelia** – annual, lengthy summer blooms
- **Red clover** – perennial, nectar quality attracts bumble bees
- **Timothy** – fast-growing grass that discourages weed establishment and creates habitat
- **Yellow blossom sweet clover** – attractive to variety of bees, mowing after flowering encourages re-growth

The available seed mix* aims to provide a succession of flowering plants to deliver a continuous source of pollen and nectar for pollinators.



*All of these plants (except timothy) are known to bloom for lengthy periods and the perennials may continue to bloom through the season with good management practices.