

Dear gardeners,

We have an exciting opportunity to volunteer in a UF study on gardening for pollinators (and receive free pollinator plants!). Below is an overview of the study and basic criteria for participating. If you are interested in participating, please fill out an application and survey either online at: https://ufl.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_00pmeGqziGSbI6q (you can copy and paste the link) OR by completing and returning the hard copy survey attached. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Rachel Mallinger at rachel.mallinger@ufl.edu <mailto:rachel.mallinger@ufl.edu>.

Overview of study: We are studying the efficacy of enhancing yards with pollinator plants over a 2.5-year period. We will collect data in your yard by recording pollinators visiting flowering plants in your garden from fall 2021 – spring 2022. In the early spring 2022, we will enhance the attractiveness of your garden to pollinators by placing ~30 potted plants of select pollinator plants in your yard. Over a ~2 year period following enhancement, we will collect data in your yard, and manage and replace the potted plants as needed. Data collection will not alter yard or property in any way, researchers will not need to enter the home, and property owners do not need to be present when researchers collect data. Researchers will communicate with property owners in advance to let you know when we plan to visit your property.

Criteria for yard selection and what we ask of you:

- Yard space to house ~30 potted plants in 1-3 gallon pots for a 2-year period.
- Minimal current pollinator plants in your yard.
- Good growing condition which includes at least partial sun reaching plants in the garden.
- Willingness to water plants (no other maintenance required).
- Live in north central, northeast, or central FL (within ~2.5 hr drive of Gainesville, FL).

What you will receive:

- We will share all data with you including bee and other pollinator species found on your property, and recommendations generated from the study.
- You will also be able to keep the ~30 potted plants at the end of the study free of charge.
- Finally, you will get to be part of a great UF study and contribute to our understanding of pollinator ecology and conservation!

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