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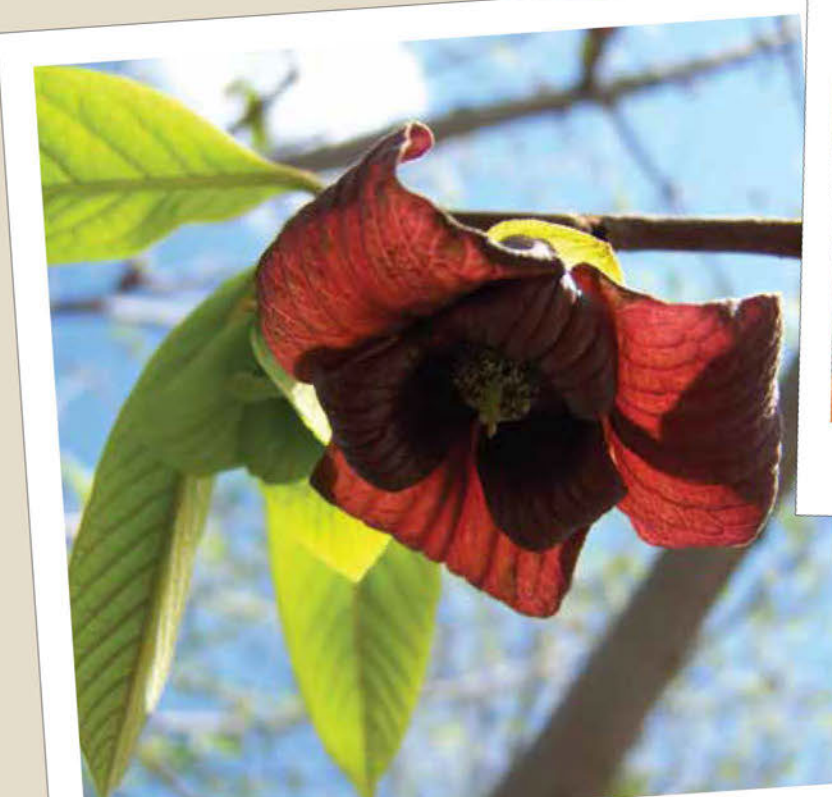
can you help pollinators?

Pollinator populations are at risk. **Decades of stressors** including the loss, degradation, and fragmentation of pollinator habitats; the improper use of pesticides and herbicides; and diseases, predation, and parasites have all **hurt pollinators**.

Inspired by the Smithsonian Pollinator Garden?

You can help pollination by **creating a pollinator-friendly habitat** without sacrificing aesthetics.

Add diversity to your landscape with a beautiful tapestry of **native plants** that evolved with local pollinators and thrive under the conditions in your region. Reach out to your local extension office to research the best plants.



Paw Paw (*Asimina triloba*)

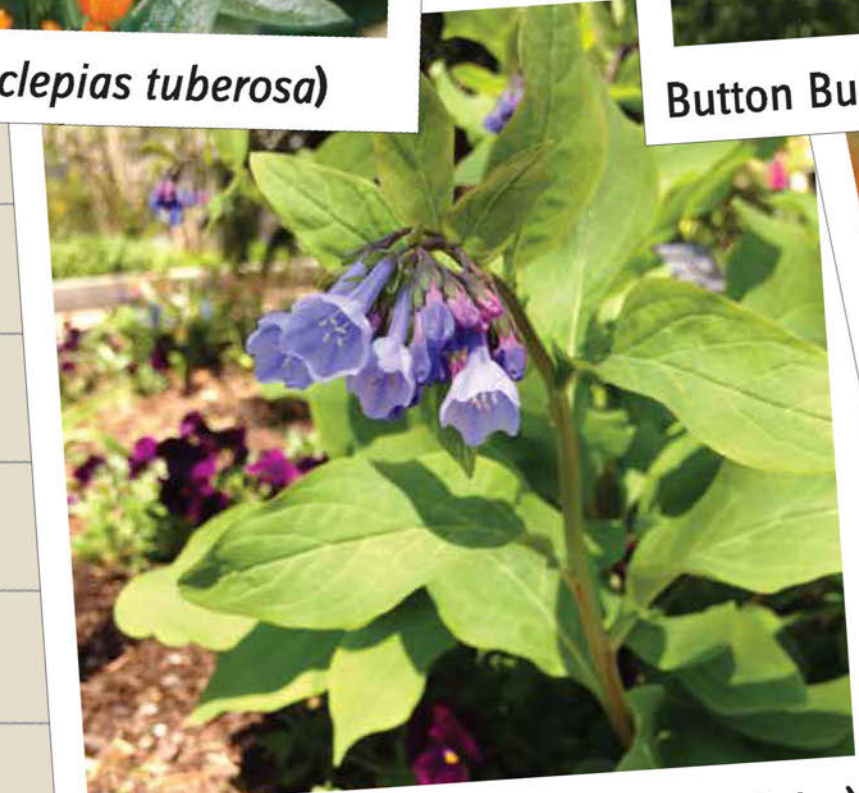
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Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)




Button Bush (*Cephalanthus occidentalis*)



Virginia Blue Bells (*Mertensia virginica*)



Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)



Do you know
the importance of
pollinator health
has been noticed?

On June 20, 2014 President Obama issued a memorandum to create a federal strategy to promote the health of honey bees and other pollinators.

