

What's Greener than Grass?

Pollinator Lawns!

Grass lawns are a common sight across the United States. Although they may look nice and green, they're not the most environmentally friendly option for your yard.

Pollinator lawns, like the one you see here, are made up of grass and **low-growing flowering plants** that attract pollinators. These lawns require less water, fertilizer, and maintenance than traditional grass lawns, and you can still use them for picnics, relaxing, and yard games!

Do you know that Americans use more than 90 million pounds of pesticides on their lawns and gardens every year?

Turf Is Tough on Pollinators

People usually mow grass lawns before they bloom and go to seed. This makes them wastelands for pollinators, which need flowers to feed on and places to nest. Grass lawns also deplete the soil of nutrients and are susceptible to disease. If not managed sustainably, these problems can lead to the use of chemicals and fertilizers, which can pollute groundwater and harm wildlife.

Think Outside the Lawn

There are plenty of pollinator-friendly alternatives to grass lawns, including pollinator lawns, native flower beds, vegetable gardens, trees, and shrubs.

That's the equivalent weight of around 450 blue whales—the largest animal on earth. Pesticides contain toxins that can run off into the sea and harm marine life.

