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## Making Your Yard a Welcome Space for Pollinators



# What is Pollen

- The powdery part of a flower
- It is the male part of the plant
- Needed to join with the female part of the plant to make seeds



# What is a Pollinator

- An animal that moves pollen from one part of a plant to another
- Or to another plant
- Makes the plant produce fruit
- Makes the plant produce seeds



# Mason Bees

- Looks like a black fly
- Is a real bee with 4 wings not 2
- Pollinates by entering flower collecting nectar and pollen



# Where does it get its name?

- The bee rolls nectar and pollen into a ball
- Lays eggs in ball
- Collects soil and packs eggs into a small chamber in nest like a Mason plastering mud



# Mason Bee Movie

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V8vAQ1B5Zj4>





# Making a Mason Bee House

## Tubes

 Cardboard

 Paper

 Bamboo

 Container

 Space outside

 South or East

 side of building



# Mason Bee Houses



# Ultimate Bee House



# For Additional Information

- <http://www.xerces.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/tunnel-nest-management-xerces-society.pdf>