



The vision: Create Stockholm City's First Pollinator Conservation Zone

Stockholm has a unique Park.

Created as the world's first national city park, **Kungliga Nationalstadsparken** contains 27 km² of forest, open land, woods and beaches right in the middle of a capital city. From Djurgården through Diplomatstaden via Haga Park up to Polishögskola, the area provides thousands of people with easy access to nature every day. This park is unique in Stockholm and a wonderful example of a city recognising the importance of vital ecosystems and biodiversity in its midst.



Why do we need pollinators?

Insect pollinators such as honeybees, solitary bees, hoverflies, wasps, flies, beetles, butterflies and moths all play a vital role in the pollination of many crops, including apples, strawberries, tomatoes and of native wildflowers. In the UK in 2009 it was estimated that they provide a natural and essential service for crop production worth more than 510 million pounds. ¹

What is the problem?

“Sweden does not have a national Pollinator strategy unlike the UK, for example. And yet we know that over 40% of native species of wild bees and bumblebees are threatened with extinction – and this is in Sweden with some of the most progressive environmental policies in the world. However, we also know that surprisingly, urban areas offer a wide range of favourable habitats and biotopes for pollinators. It is a question of raising awareness. The public are very engaged in this question and it is exciting that Stockholm can learn from so many progressive international urban pollinator projects such as in Lyons, Oslo, Bristol, Amsterdam and the USA Bee City programme. We would like to see a really strategic and joined-up approach to helping pollinators which is integrated into the city biodiversity policy.” **Göran Wiklund, Founder, Bin I Stan**

What is the Project Vision?

1. To create a high-profile pollinator conservation zone within the National City Park with inspiring examples of pollinator habitats created by project stakeholders that can be mapped and monitored.
2. To educate the public about how the importance of pollinators and to develop best land management practice that can be replicated across the city.

“We support this vision as we believe it will not only increase the attractiveness of the Royal National City Park but also provide the public with concrete demonstrations of our commitment to sustainability.” **Camilla Zedendahl, CEO, Royal Djurgården.**

¹ Breeze et al. 2012 Decline of England's bees, Friends of the Earth

Why do we need a pollinator conservation and incubation zone ?

We believe that by showcasing good pollinator practice and linking projects together through Stockholm Loves Pollinators, we can establish a forward-thinking and joined-up approach to pollinator conservation (that involves park managers, businesses, conservation groups, universities, local government) and engages with the public to encourage pollinator-friendly gardening practices across the city.

Who is leading the project?

A steering committee has been formed made up of:

Göran Wiklund – Bin I Stan of sustainability consultancy U&We, Camilla Zedendahl – Royal Djurgården, Lasse Hellander – Association of Swedish Beekeepers –Stockholm District, Magnus Björkman – Ostermalm city, Richard Murray –Förbundet for Ekoparken, Ann Franzen – Naturens Hus, Gunnar Bjorkman. Park Chief, Royal Park Association (KDF), Nick Howe– The English Church and Sharon and David Cairns – British Embassy in Stockholm.

“The British Embassy is behind this initiative and wants to contribute to the spread of Good Pollinator Practice in Stockholm. As diplomats we represent the global scope of the problem facing pollinators. Together we can help make positive change.” **David Cairns, British Ambassador to Sweden**



Stockholm Loves Pollinators started as a grassroots initiative in the heart of Diplomatstaden in early 2017. The first beehive was placed in the ground of the English Church in October 2017. The project is supported by the Association of Diplomats in Stockholm, American Club, American Embassy, Diplomatic Spouses' Club of Stockholm, Djurgårdens Hembyggsförening, Foreningen för Natur och Samhälle in Norden, Foreningen Ostermalm, GA Design International London, International Women's Club, Swedish-British Society and Eva Swartz Grimaldi and Salvatore Grimaldi, and Denise and Stefan Persson.

How to Get Involved

6 Simple Steps to help Pollinators

- Plant a variety of pollinator-friendly plants and trees to provide forage all year
- Do not cut your grass so often and leave some areas with longer grass
- Do not use pesticides
- Put up insect hotels (min. 20cm length sticks and with a roof)
- Consider putting holes in any sandbank areas for pollinators who live in the ground
- Contact Stockholm Loves Pollinators to tell us what you are planning to do to support pollinators, so that we can map and monitor your pollinator project.

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