



Stockholm Loves Pollinators

- Getting Stockholm buzzing -

Our Vision

To see best pollinator practice adopted as policy across Stockholm city.

Why do we need to support pollinators?

Pollinator populations are in dramatic decline worldwide. These insects - which include honeybees, solitary bees, hoverflies, wasps, flies, beetles, butterflies and moths - play a vital role in the pollination of many agricultural crops (including apples, strawberries and tomatoes), as well as native wildflowers.

What is the problem?

We know that a third of native species of wild bees and bumblebees and other insects are threatened with extinction. Sweden does not have a national pollinator strategy (unlike the UK, for example) and Stockholm lags behind other cities that have a co-ordinated approach that supports the needs of pollinators.

What can be done?

Urban areas offer a wide range of favourable habitats and biotopes for pollinators. To make the most of this we all need to share and develop existing good practice and turn that practice into policy. Pollinator perspective needs to become part of every land-management decision made across Stockholm.

What is Stockholm Loves Pollinators?

Stockholm Loves Pollinators started as a grassroots initiative in the heart of Diplomatstaden in early 2017, placing a beehive in the grounds of the English Church.

“Back then we were Diplomatstaden Loves Bees”. Back then I was in it for the honey. Now we have grown to become Stockholm Loves Pollinators. Now I am it for the planet”

Nick Howe, Chaplain, The English Church

Now, by showcasing good pollinator practice and linking projects and partners together, Stockholm Loves Pollinators is establishing a forward-thinking and joined-up approach to pollinator conservation in Stockholm.

What have we done?

- Our engagement with business and municipal stakeholders within the Royal National City Park resulted in a commitment to make the Park pollinator friendly.
- We have placed more beehives in the Park.
- With the Association of Diplomats in Stockholm we have planted our first urban wildflower meadow. And a second planned.
- We have worked with the city council and park engineers to create urban wildflower meadows and ‘pollinator-corridors’.
- We have delivered a conference for park managers, making available research and good practice from the UK and elsewhere.
- We have hosted talks and lectures together with the British Embassy to encourage the public to use pollinator-friendly gardening practices.

“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**

What can you do?

7 Simple Steps to help Pollinators

1. Plant a variety of pollinator-friendly plants and trees to provide forage all year
2. Do not cut your grass so often or so low
3. Leave some grass areas to grow wild
4. Do not use pesticides
5. Put up insect hotels and herbal flowerbeds or ‘insect restaurants’
6. Leave fallen branches, deadwood and piles of leaves on the ground
7. Keep sandbanks and bare earth areas for the 70% of pollinators who live in the ground

Who is leading the project?

On the Steering Committee are: • Göran Wiklund - Bin i Stan and sustainability consultancy U & We • Sharon Cairns - British Embassy in Stockholm • Nick Howe – the English Church, Stockholm • Nicole Reid – Bin i Stan • Märtha Angert Lilliestråle – Förbundet för Ekoparken

Our Partners and Consultants include:

• Camilla Zedendahl- Royal Djurgården • Lasse Hellander - Association of Swedish Beekeepers • Magnus Björkman- Chief of Parks, Östermalm • Richard Murray - Förbundet för Ekoparken • Ann Franzen – Vetenskapens Hus • Gunnar Björkman - Park Chief, Royal Park Management (KDF)

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