

WELCOME TO

# PolliNation DC

This is a community science project led by ecologists at the Smithsonian's Natural History Museum and UDC's Center for Sustainable Development and Resilience. With your help, PolliNation DC will document the insect pollinator species utilizing plants in community gardens throughout all eight wards.

## BECOME A CITIZEN SCIENTIST!

It's easy to participate. When you are in a DC community garden or on the National Mall, take photos of insects you see visiting flowers, and then photograph the plants for identification. Participating has several benefits: your community garden will have a photo journal of some of the wildlife visiting and living in the garden; you will be contributing to a DC-wide research effort; and you will learn about some of the plants and animals right in your neighborhood. The project begins on **April 30, 2021** and will continue throughout the growing season and for another year or more.

## HERE'S HOW YOU CAN JOIN US

PolliNation DC lives on iNaturalist, one of the world's most popular nature apps. Use your cell phone camera to scan the Android or iPhone QR code below to download the iNaturalist app. Use the other QR code on the right to find the project page, or once iNaturalist is opened, search on "Pollination DC." Each garden is mapped to the project page so you can easily add your records to your specific location. More information is available on the project page.

## GETTING STARTED

Take a photo of an insect on a flower--fly, beetle, bee, moth, butterfly, any living thing--then photograph the rest of the plant. Open the iNaturalist app and upload the photos. The location will be automatically captured from your phone and if you are not sure exactly what a particularly plant or animal is, you can leave identifying the animal to the experts on iNaturalist by tagging your photos with a general category.

### IMPORTANT LINKS

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