# Thoughtful Garden Design For Pollinators and Natural Enemies

Ge Zhang
Postdoctoral Researcher

Miranda Kersten

IPM Program Manager

Amanda Skidmore
IPM Specialist



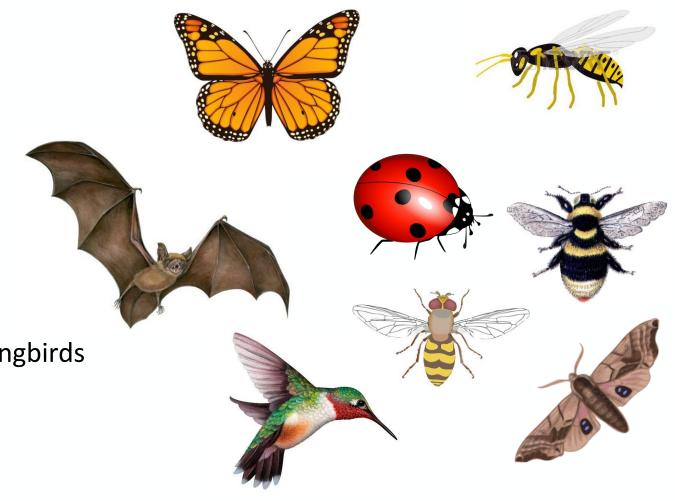




BE BOLD. Shape the Future.

## **Pollinators:**

- Beetles
- Moths
- Butterflies
- Flies
- Wasps
- Beetles
- Bats
- Birds Hummingbirds
- Bees



## **Pollinators: Bees**

Native Bees: Over 1000 species in New Mexico

Generalist and specialist foragers

Ground nesting and stem nesting



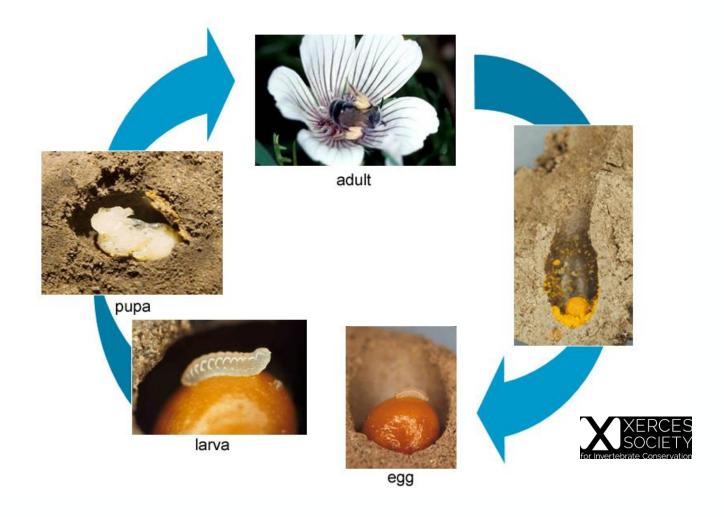
**Honey Bees:** Introduced (non-native to US)

Generalist foragers

Cavity nesting



# Life Stage!



# **Nesting Sites**







## **Pollinators: Butterflies and Moths**

- 300+ species
- Major Groups:
  - Butterfly:
    - Swallowtail
    - Brush-footed
    - Skippers
    - Sulphers
    - Snout-nosed
  - Moths
    - Miller
    - Hawk/Sphinx/Hummingbird





SandiaNet.com







# **Caterpillars**

# Pupa/Cocoons

















# **Common Beneficial Insect/Natural Enemy Groups**

















# **Syrphid Fly**



**Adult = Pollinator** 

S. Jordan

**Larva = Predator** 



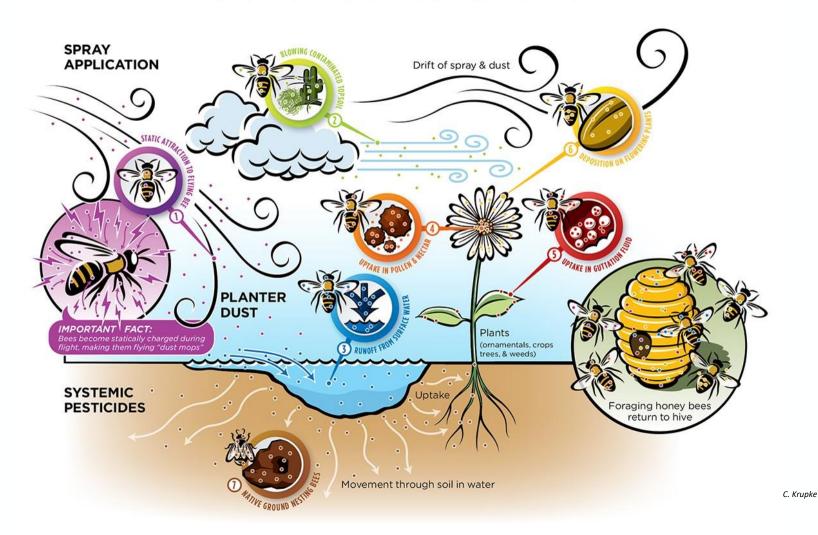
M. Ambrosino



Melissa Tinling



## Major Routes of Pesticide Exposure for Foraging Honey Bees and Their Transmission to the Hive



# **Provide pollinators with resources!**







#### Insect mouthparts





butterfly (side view)



cicada (front view)

lapping

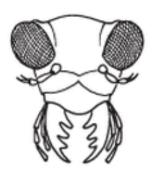


(front view)



housefly (front view)

chewing



beetle (front view)

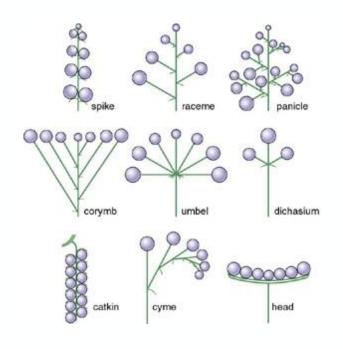


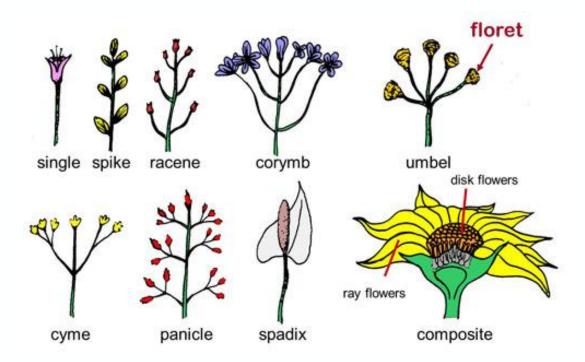
grasshopper (side view)

© 2011 Encyclopædia Britannica, Inc.



## Types of Inflorescences





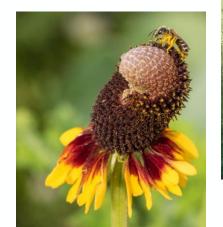
#### **Inflorescence:**

- Arrangement of flowers into a group or cluster; Flower head
- Can be solitary or clustered

## Flower Shape -Open Disk or Bowl

#### Asters: Sunflower, Mexican Hat, Zinnia

Bowl: Poppy, cherry, rose



Mexican Hat





New Mexican Sunflower





Rose

**Open Shapes** are 'open access' flowers used by all sorts of insects. They are especially used by honeybees, bumblebees and certain solitary bees; also beetles and flies

## Flower Shape - Tubular

#### Gentian, bellflower, mints, salvia



**Snap Dragon** 



Hayden's Gilia



Angle's Trumpet



Monkshood



Mint

**Tubular shapes** seem to have specifically co-evolved with longtongued Bumblebees, butterflies, moths (as well as some flies and beetles)

## Flower Shape – Lipped



Cowpea



Lavender

**Lipped flowers** - are specialized flowers that in many cases have a close relationship with bumblebees or solitary bees.

#### Wind Pollinated

**Wind-pollinated** species are usually green, small, may have small or no petals, and produce large amounts of pollen



grasses, trees, flowers



Fendler's Meadow Rue



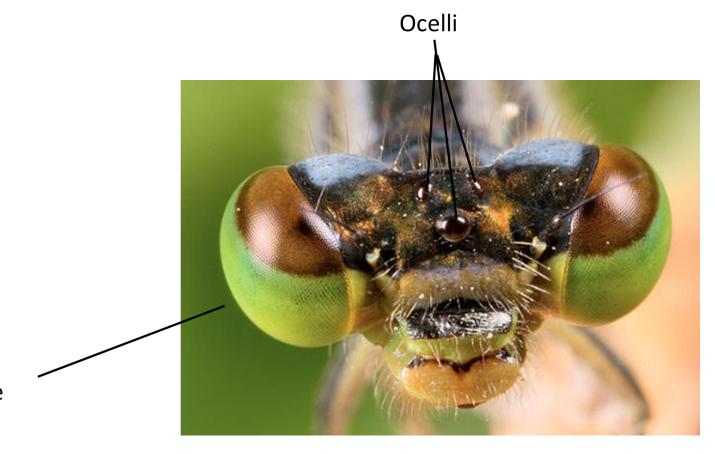


Corn



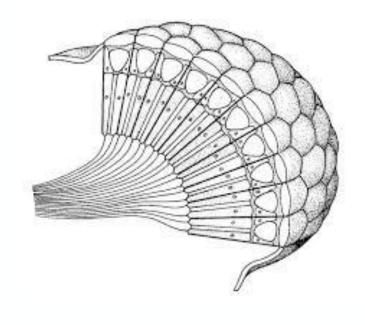


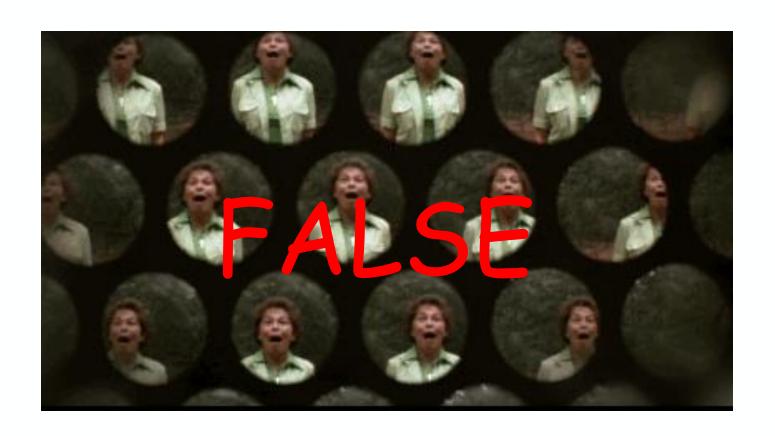
# **Vision**



Compound eye







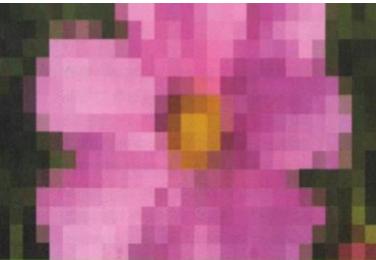




Original image

Insect Eye filter applied















## Site Inventory



#### Site Inventory

Site Inventory: Gathering facts and information about the site

Goal: Determine problems and potential solutions

#### **Examples include:**

- Location of plant material, walkways, existing patio, fences, utilities
- Condition of existing plant material
- Soil type
- Slopes / down spouts / drainage
- Wind direction
- Sun and shade patterns
- Important views
- Noise pollution
- Style of house
- High traffic areas, play areas, other rooms



## Site Analysis

Site Analysis: Determines how the design solution can address site conditions

#### Examples of how the design can address:

- Existing patio space or walkways
- Block a bad view
- Create shade
- Existing plant material: should it stay or go....

## Site Inventory vs Site Analysis

#### **Site Inventory**

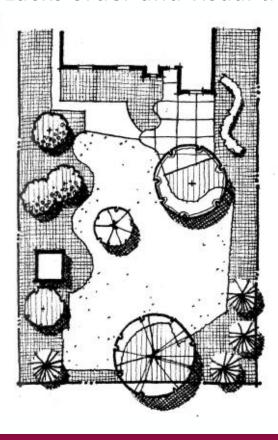
- 1. 3' walkway
- 2. View to wooded area
- 3. Existing patio 100 Sq Ft
- 4. Large Sycamore
- 5. Back of house hot in afternoon

#### **Site Analysis**

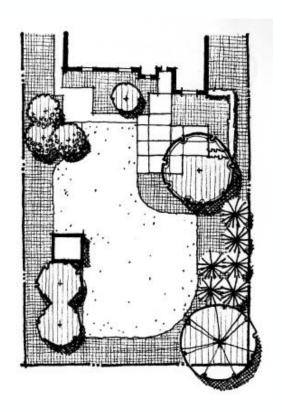
- 1. Too narrow; widen to 5'
- 2. Maintain and frame view
- 3. Enlarge to 200 Sq Ft
- 4. Preserve; secondary sitting area
- 5. Plant trees to shade house / patio

## Design Principles - Order

> Lacks order and visual theme



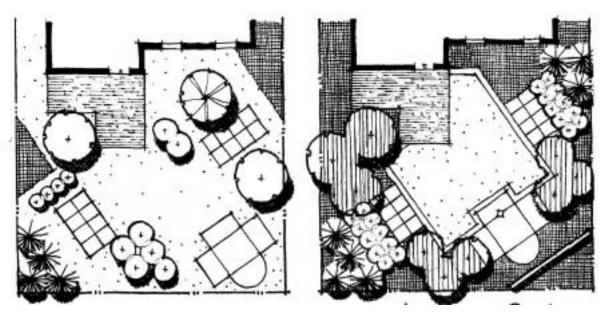
➤ Order and visual theme



## **Design Principles - Unity**

#### Interconnection

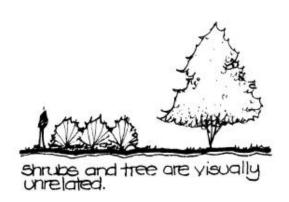
- Created by physically linking or tying together design elements
- Helps eye move smoothly from 1 element to anther
- Fragments or isolated elements reduce unity

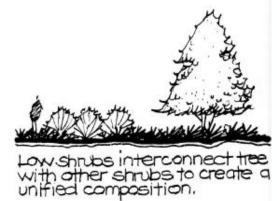


Fragmented so lacks unity

➤ Better connection of elements

## **Design Principles - Unity**





Shrubs create interconnection



No interconnection.



Fence and law plants establish interconnection.

➤ Fence creates interconnection

## **Design Principles - Rhythm**

Colors: Contrasting & Complementary

#### Color:

Contrasting

Complementary

Cool Colors – Small spaces look bigger







## **Design Principles - Rhythm**

**Coarse Texture** Texture: Contrasting Coarse and Fine Gives interest Fine Texture

#### **Texture from fruit and seeds**











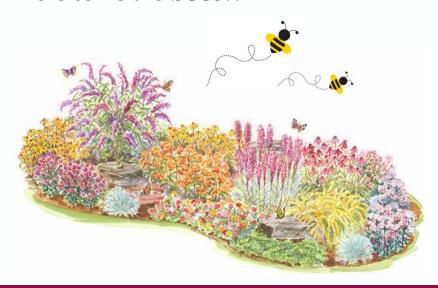




## Use Design Principles to Scale Down

#### Focus on 1 bed:

- Site inventory: Shade, soil, slope
- Bed design
  - Use your design principles
- Pick your plants: Use native
- Site prep
- Planting
- Here come the bees!!







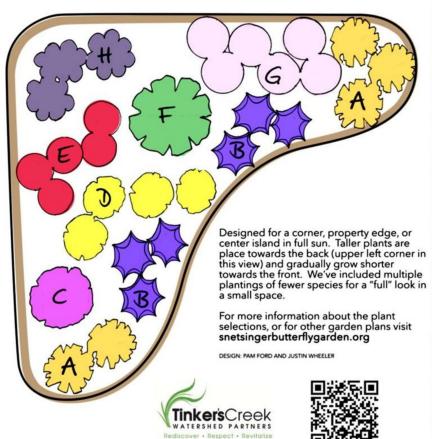
#### For the pollinators:

- Flower shape
- Bloom time
- Color
- Reward: pollen & nectar



#### Pollinator Pocket Garden

Size: 8' x 8'



www.tinkerscreekwatershed.org

	Common Name (color) Botanical name	Bloom time
A	Butterfly Milkweed (orange) Asclepias tuberosa	Jun - Aug
В	Anise Hyssop (purple) Agastache foeniculum - or -	Jun - Aug
	<u>Prairie Spiderwort</u> (blue-purple) <u>Tradescantia occidentalis</u>	Jun - Jul
С	New England Aster (blue-purple) Symphyotrichum novae-angliae - or -	Aug - Oct
	Blazingstar (purple) Liatris spp.	Jul - Sep
D	False Sunflower (yellow) Heliopsis helianthoides - or -	Jul - Sep
	Stiff Goldenrod (yellow) Solidago rigida	Aug - Oct
Ε	Wild Bergamot (purple) Monarda fistulosa	May - Sep
F	White False Indigo (white) Baptisia lactea	Jun - Jul
G	Purple Coneflower (pink-purple) Echinacea purpurea	Jun - Aug
Н	Joe Pye Weed (pink) Eutrochium purpureum - or -	Jul- Sep
	Swamp Milkweed (pink) Asclepias incarnata	Jul- Sep