How to Support Native Pollinators in Your Yard

1. **Identify the *native* plants, shrubs and trees in your yard:**
   - https://homegrownnationalpark.org/native-plants-finder/
   - https://www.nwf.org/nativeplantfinder/
   - Use an app such as FloraVA, INaturalist, PlantSnap or PictureThis
2. **Identify invasive plants in your yard and work to eliminate them:**
   - ReviveLYH at https://www.lynchburgva.gov/959/ReviveLYH
   - Blue Ridge Prism at https://blueridgeprism.org/
3. **Choose an area to plant more native plants:**
   - Use the "Lasagna Gardening" method, which amends the soil without chemicals.
   - Shrink your lawn and practice No Mow April to allow lawn flowers to bloom
   - Purchase ***chemical free native*** plants from "safe" local vendors: https://vnps.org/native-plant-nursery-list/
   - Plant thickly to prevent weeds – think "Green Mulch".
   - Plant annuals in years one and two to fill in the gaps as perennials mature.
   - Leave the leaves and the dead plant stalks until spring to protect hibernating insects.
   - Add a small water source such as a plant pot saucer with pebbles, sand or a few rocks.
4. **Certify your garden:**
   - Locally with https://wildones.org/cnhp/
   - Nationally with www.homegrownnationalpark.org
5. **Promote your garden and calculate your impact:**
   - Display your garden certification sign where neighbors can see it.
   - "Frame" the chaos with a fence or border if you have skeptical neighbors.
   - Calculate your impact: www.homegrownnationalpark.org/calculator/
6. **No yard = no problem! Practice container gardening**
   - https://homegrownnationalpark.org/container-gardening/
7. **Keep learning:**
   - Visit locally certified gardens to familiarize yourself with native plants. In Lynchburg you can find these at Randolph College, Camp Kum-Ba-Yah Nature Center, James River Day School, CVCC, and Vector Space.
   - Join a Local Group like our great sponsors and non-profit participants
   - Follow Lynchburg Bee City USA and participate in the committee
   - Follow VA Native Plant Society's Facebook page for questions and answers.
   - Earn Pollinator Steward Certification: https://www.pollinator.org/psc
   - Follow Doug at https://homegrownnationalpark.org/tallamys-hub/
   - Ask your local retailers to carry chemical free ***native*** plants that are not hybrids

It's easy to get started! Just begin adding native plants, shrubs and trees to your yard and observe the wildlife. You will quickly see what a difference you are making!

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