

Pollinators Need Trees Too



The City of Burlington is helping pollinator populations rebound by planting species that pollinators need. Many people have probably seen lists of the best plants for pollinators, bees, and butterflies. For many people, plants like butterfly milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) and blazing stars (*Liatris spp.*) come to mind. But did you know that trees are just as critical for pollinators? Tree species such as Tilia (Linden), Quercus (Oak) and Salix (Willow) provide important food supplies to our pollinating friends. Trees are especially important because they provide much of the first available food source for pollinators in the spring.

Figure 1: Common Eastern Bumblebee – *Bombus impatiens*, Apeldoorn Park, Burlington, Ontario.

The City of Burlington is dedicated to helping pollinators flourish within our Urban Canopy. Ensuring healthy trees that pollinators need is critical to support pollinator populations. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding trees and pollinators please contact Brian McKelvey at 905-333-6166 ext: 6145.

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