Celebrate Pollinators May 8-14, 2023

All ages are invited to join the San Diego Pollinator Alliance at community events supporting pollinators!

Below is a partial list of events happening throughout the week. Visit SDPA's website for the full schedule, and more information about the events and how to register:

www.rcdsandiego.org/san-diego-pollinator-week

Master Gardeners Pollinator Presentation Tuesday, May 9th | 5:30pm - Sunset Mt Helix Park, 4901 Mt Helix Dr, La Mesa

Join a Master Gardener to learn about the benefits of pollinators in your garden and choices you can make to better support their habitat and life cycle. Stick around after for a walk of the Mt Helix native plant gardens.

Milkweed Swap

Wednesday, May 10th | 8:00am - 4:00pm Native West Nursery, 1849 Leon Ave, San Diego

It is important to grow native milkweed, which goes dormant in the winter and has lower rates of transmission for parasites that hurt butterflies. To help make the switch, we are offering a free native milkweed plant if you bring us one of your tropical milkweed plants. Available to first 150 customers. Limit one plant per person.

Guided Hike

Friday, May 12th | Time TBD Cuyamaca Rancho State Park - Trail Location TBD

Walk the trail with guides to teach you about the plants in bloom and the pollinators that visit them. Attendees are encouraged to use iNaturalist to log their observations. Free to attend, carpooling encouraged.

Native Garden Tour and Work Day

Friday, May 12th | 9:00am - 1:00pm Paradise Hills Native Garden, 6800 Potomac St, San Diego, CA 92139

9:00am - 10:00am, Tour of Garden 10:00am - 1:00pm, Work Day

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Pollinator Gardening Workshop

Saturday, May 13th | 9:00am Sweetwater Community Garden, 5354 Sweetwater Rd, Bonita, CA 91902

Learn how to enhance your garden to support beneficial insects and pollinators. Stick around after the presentation to plant some pollinator habitat around the garden. Some supplies available, but please bring your own gloves, hat, sunscreen and water.

Family Day at Lakeside Downs

Saturday, May 13th | 9:00am - 11:00am Earth Discovery Institute, Lakeside Downs and Milkweed Farm, 10940 Oak Creek Dr, Lakeside, CA 92040

Activities include a hike for adults, scavenger hunt for kids, and a tour of the native milkweed farm.

Milkweed Swap

Saturday, May 13th | 10:00am - 2:00pm San Diego Natural History Museum - Atrium, Balboa Park, 1788 El Prado

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North County Monarch Festival

Saturday, May 13th | 10:00am - 2:00pm 1020 Rose Ranch Road San Marcos, CA 92069

This event will feature arts and crafts, information on pollinator gardening, and presentations on monarch conservation.

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