

MAKING ROOM FOR NATIVE POLLINATORS



If you think pollinators aren't important to you directly, think again. It is estimated that one out of every three mouthfuls of food we eat and beverages we drink are made possible by pollinators. Pollination, the transfer of pollen from one flower to another, is a vital stage in the life cycle of flowering plants. Eight-eight percent of plant species rely on this critical process that brings us cocoa, coffee, tomatoes, and melons, just to name a few. Butterflies, beetles, and flies are valuable pollinators, but native bees are the most important.

The USGA recently published *Making Room for Native Pollinators:*

How to Create Habitat for Pollinator Insects on Golf

Courses. These guidelines help golf course superintendents plan and

manage out-of-play areas for beneficial pollinating insects. Written by the Xerces Society, this publication is a product of the USGA's Wildlife Links program. The Xerces Society is a nonprofit organization based in Portland, Oregon, dedicated to preserving the diversity of life through the conservation of invertebrates.

Making Room for Native Pollinators: How to Create Habitat for Pollinator Insects on Golf Courses (#PG5002) is available for \$5.00 through the USGA Order Department at 800-336-4446 or www.usgapubs.com.

AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

A variety of books and publications are available to help manage the golf course. To order, contact the USGA Order Department at 800-336-4446 or visit the Web site at www.usgapubs.com (shipping charges are not included in the listed prices).

Turf Management for Golf Courses. 2nd Edition. By James B. Beard and the USGA Green Section staff. PG1100. \$125.00.

A Guide for Green Committee Members. Designed to help guide Green Committees past common pitfalls. PG1715. \$2.00.

Reviewing Golf Course Proposals: Materials for Local Officials. By B.J. Hance and Jim Morris. An informational packet oriented to community land use planners. PG1718. \$5.00.

2002 Turfgrass & Environmental Research Executive Summary. NS 1651. No charge.

Bird Conservation on Golf Courses. By Scott Gillihan. Practical, hands-on reference manual. PG5250. \$34.95.

Golf Course Management & Construction: Environmental Issues. Edited by Drs. Balogh & Walker. PG5275. \$104.95.

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