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***“Restoring native plant habitat is vital to preserving biodiversity. By creating a native plant garden, each patch of habitat becomes part of a collective effort to nurture and sustain the living landscape for birds and other animals.”***

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### What can YOU do to help our native bees??

- plant native plants!! Ask your nurseries to provide more native plants and select ones that bloom throughout the season
- provide nesting areas - leave areas of your yard/garden undisturbed, unplanted, with garden cuttings or twigs for the ground dwellers
- build or purchase a native bee house for cavity Dwellers
- provide a water source
- avoid the use of pesticides

### Enjoy the beauty and magic of nature all around you!

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## Audubon Native Plant Pollinator Garden & Bee House



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***Using native plants in your landscape is vital to providing food and shelter for our native bees. And native bees are vital for pollination of our native plants.***

### Did you know that native bees....?

- lived here and co-evolved with our native plants for millions of years, before settlers brought over the European honey bee.
- number over 20,000 known species worldwide, about 4,000 species in the U.S. and about ¼ of these live in New Mexico – 1,200! Not even 2% are honey bees, the other 98% are native bees.
- are the most efficient pollinators.
- are solitary, do not live in hives with a queen and workers, the female builds her own nest, collects her own pollen and nectar, and selects where to lay her eggs.
- use different materials to secure their cavity nests. For instance Mason bees use mud and Leaf-cutters use leaves.
- are not aggressive and seldom sting, as they have no hive or queen to protect.
- see UV wave length, but not the color red, and are most attracted to purple, yellow and white flowers.