



# Plant native wildflowers, shrubs and trees to help make Bemidji a bird and pollinator-friendly community

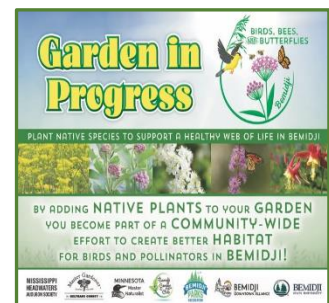
Birds, bees, and butterflies have several things in common – they all depend on native plants; they play an important role in pollination; and all face increasing pressures from loss of habitat, diseases, and non-native invasive competitors. **But there are things we can do to help! One of the most important is to add native plants to our gardens and landscapes.**

The Mississippi Headwaters Audubon Society, Bemidji Monarch Project committee and several other local organizations have joined together in a campaign to promote the planting of native trees, shrubs, and flowers to benefit birds and pollinators in our community. We are calling it: *'Birds, Bees, & Butterflies – Bemidji'*. By planting a native plant garden, or just adding native species to your existing landscape, you can attract colorful birds and pollinators to your yard or business.

## What Are We Doing in 2019?

### Native Plant Demonstration Projects.

- **New bird and pollinator-friendly demonstration plantings** are going in at the Bemidji City Hall, Beltrami County History Center, Conifer Villas housing project, lot next to Bemidji Lakeview Liquor, Bemidji State University Campus, Neilson Spearhead Center, Leech Lake Assisted Living Center, and Leech Lake Tribal College Solar Array.
- **You can see additional *Birds, Bees & Butterflies – Bemidji* plantings** established the last couple years at the Bemidji Library, Watermark Art Center, Bemidji State University, North County City Park, Lincoln Elementary School, Middle School, Leech Lake Tribal College Library, Headwaters Music and Art, Rail River Folk School, and the sidewalk planter on 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Bemidji Ave. These will give you an idea of what to expect from our new projects.
- **Local businesses, residents, and government offices** who use native plants in their landscaping also display signs in their gardens. These include Northern Dental, Lake Bemidji State Park, Bemidji Tourism Information Center, Cameron City Park, Bemidji Garden Club member gardens, and more...
- The Bemidji Downtown Alliance will promote planting native wildflowers and shrubs to their **'Adopt-A-Planter'** sponsors and provide them signs to display in the planters.



Look for *'Birds, Bees, & Butterflies – Bemidji'* signs in bird and pollinator-friendly plantings around town

Current Project Sponsors: Mississippi Headwaters Audubon Society, Bemidji Park and Recreation Department, Bemidji Garden Club, Bogs & Logs Chapter of Minnesota Master Naturalists, Beltrami Co Master Gardeners, Bemidji State University Sustainability Office, Bemidji Downtown Alliance, MN Department of Natural Resources, Bemidji Garden Centers (Nature's Edge Garden Center, Hills Country Greenhouse, Ace on the Lake Hardware)

