

WYOMING NATIVE PLANT POSTER CONTEST

Open to all 6th - 8th grade students

Win \$250!

Create a poster illustrating the theme:

“Wyoming Native Plants and Pollinators: Better Together”

illustrating how plants native to Wyoming
are essential to pollinators



Gillette's Checkerspot butterfly on
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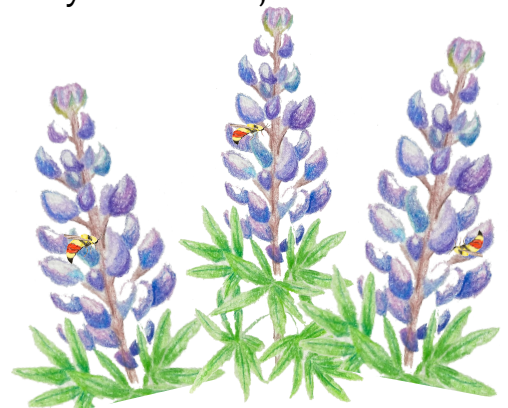
Contest Prizes:

- Three student winners will each receive a \$250 cash prize
- The teacher of each winner will also receive a \$250 cash prize
- Winning artwork will be featured on the Wyoming Native Plant Society website and shared via social media channels
- Artwork of student winners will be framed and displayed at Wyoming libraries and later returned to the students

Contest Rules and Judging Criteria:

- All Wyoming 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students may submit one entry.
- Poster must be original artwork created by a 6th - 8th grade Wyoming student.
- Entries will be judged on the following criteria:
 - 1) Demonstrates a clear connection between native plants and pollinators found in Wyoming that illustrates the theme “Wyoming Native Plants and Pollinators: Better Together”;
 - 2) Accurately depicts the Wyoming native plants and pollinators listed on the entry form; and
 - 3) Creates a visually appealing and engaging composition that demonstrates creativity, a well-composed layout, and effective use of color and technique.
- The Entry Form must list the Wyoming native plants and pollinators featured in the artwork.
- Artwork must be between 8.5” x 11” and 11” x 17” on paper that allows for duplication.
- Entries may be done in crayon, paint pens, watercolor, ink, acrylic, colored pencil, and/or tempera paint.
- Entries must be received by April 21, 2025 and mailed to: Kimberly McMorow, 3465 North Pines Way, Ste. 104-52, Wilson, WY 83014.

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Hunt's Bumblebee on Silvery Lupine



Did you know?

- Wyoming is home to more than 2,500 native plant species.
- Native plants are essential for healthy, diverse, and resilient ecosystems.
- Wyoming hosts many pollinators, including moths, wasps, butterflies, beetles, bats, flies, some birds, and bees, including more than 700 species of bees native to Wyoming (which does not include the European honey bee). Throughout the United States, pollinator populations are declining due to habitat loss, invasive plant species, pesticides, and diseases.
- Native plants and pollinators have coevolved over thousands of years developing mutually beneficial relationships. Pollinators collect nectar (sugars that provide energy) and pollen (which provides protein) from the plants and, in return, pollinators pollinate the plants, facilitating the plants' reproduction and ensuring their continued survival.
- Many native plants and pollinators, especially bees, have developed specialized relationships for their survival where certain bees pollinate only specific plants. About 35% of Western native bees are specialist pollinators, adapted to pollinate particular flowers, and depend on the floral resources of these plants. If these plants are unavailable, the bees must look elsewhere.

Helpful Resources to learn about Wyoming native plants and pollinators:

- The Wyoming Native Plant Society website provides valuable information about Wyoming native plants and pollinators [here](#).
- Learn about the variety of Wyoming's native pollinators [here](#).
- Watch this [short video](#) by University of Delaware Professor Doug Tallamy to learn why native plants and pollinators are critical to healthy ecosystems.
- Look at this [interactive poster](#) to learn how Wyoming native plants support Wyoming pollinators and wildlife.
- Your local [Conservation District](#) has information about native plants and pollinators in your region.
- Find information about Wyoming native bees [here](#) and search for "Wyoming Hosts Many Native Pollinators" by B. Marsciek.

Please note: Collages, computer or photo-generated art, works completed by multiple students, submissions that contain names of commercial products, companies, and/or organizations, or matted, mounted, laminated, framed or folded entries will NOT be considered.



Broad-tailed hummingbird and Sheridan green hairstreak butterfly sipping nectar from a Penstemon

Entry Form

Deadline: Please attach a copy of this completed form to the back of the poster. Entries must be received by no later than April 21, 2025 and mailed to: Kimberly McMorrow, 3465 N. Pines Way, Suite 104, Wilson, WY 83014. Artwork will not be returned except winning entries.

Artist's Name: _____ Artist's School: _____

Artist's City (Must be in Wyoming): _____

Grade: _____ Age: _____

List the Wyoming native plants and pollinators in the artwork. For example, Hunt's Bumblebee on Silvery lupine and Gillette's Checkerspot butterfly on Helianthella.

Teacher's Name: _____

Teacher's Email and Phone Number: _____

If this student wins, where should the check and poster be mailed?

How did you hear about the contest?

