

Terms:

- **Annual:** A plant or other organism that completes its whole life cycle in only one year.
- **Biennial:** A plant that completes its life cycle in two growing seasons.
- **Perennial:** A plant lasts through the year for several years.
- **Native:** A plant of endogenous origin or growth.
- **Non-native:** A plant that isn't indigenous or native to a particular place.

Blanket Flower
Plant Scientific Name: Gaillardia



Collaborators for this Project:

- Council Elementary and Middle School Students
- Adams Soil and Water Conservation District
- Council Garden Club

Council Middle School

Plant Classification:

- Perennial
- Non-native
- Family: Daisy Family

Plant Characteristics:

- Plant height: 20 to 24 inches.
- Spread/spacing: 12 to 18 inches
- Bloom color: Red, Yellow, and Orange
- Bloom time: Early summer to early fall

Preferred Growing Conditions

- Exposure: Full sun
- Watering: Frequently
- Soil type: Any

Plant Care:

- Fertilizing: very little to none.
- Pruning/Deadheading: Severe pruning **after flowering.**

Possible Pollinators:

Bumble Bee



How to Identify: Stout, hairy, robust bodies – usually with black, yellow, and/or red coloration. **Bumble bees** are variable in size and color patterns, even within a single species.

Why are pollinators important?

Pollinators are important because they help spread the pollen that helps reproduce plants that feed you and other organisms.

How can you participate in the Pollinator Project?

1. Plant pollinator plants
2. Send photos of pollinators visiting your plants to Adams Soil and Water Conservation District website (<https://www.adamsconservationdistrict.org/>)
3. Participate in the Bumble Bee Watch Citizen Science Program
 - a. Visit: (<https://www.bumblebeewatch.org/>)
 - b. Participate in Bumble Bee Workshop held at the Council Community Garden on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 from 9-11 am.



4. Participate in the Pollinator Scavenger Hunt in the Community Garden on Friday, June 25, 2021 from 9-11 am.