<u>Through the pollinators eyes</u> <u>Choices</u>





Insects compound eyes

- Bees Blue Purple
 Violet, White Yellow Ultra
 Violet
- Flys Yellow and White

Spring time food sources are sparse

- Common Willow is a great source of pollen ,and nectar.
- Willows are simple to propagate from winter hardwood cuttings
- Maynooth Tidy Towns planted 500 in a day along damp areas in the Town

Salix --Willow



Some other important spring resources Comprehensive RHS List

- Hawthorn
 Common Primrose
- Blackthorn
 Trachystemon
- Flowering Bulbs (the right ones)

• Sarcococca

Daffodils good for people Bad for Pollinators



Adding Allium Ornamental Onion Makes it better



Bumblebees like Allium Snowdrops,Crocus Muscari



Make a mass bulb scheme People attractive and Pollinator friendly

- Lots of possibilities
- Add Early flowering species crocus ,later flowering hybrid crocus.
- Muscari only specific types useful
- Use daffodils for Colour
- Add Allium for pollinators ,extends colour
- Experiment

Summer again gives choice good and bad for pollinators

- Good Nepeta Catmints
- Salvia
 - Calamintha
 - Stachys
 - Phacelia

Nepeta – Catmint



Salvia



Phacelia



Kilkenny 2016



Single flowered dahlia Victorian Kitchen Garden Phoenix Park



Dandelion



Knapweed



Bedding Petunias Geraniums, Begonias , Primroses 0





Summer Bedding + Bidens + Bacopa = Happy Pollinators





Summer Bedding ,a step more Colourful for Tidy Towns, Great for Pollinators Mavnooth





Make it better for pollinators

- Planning conditions Native wild flowers
- Ivy on trees
 Check RHS Plant list
- Hedgerows

Look at You Tube for plant information

Where to see Pollinator Plants 2017 Pollinator Award Winner Phoenix Park

Kilkenny	Olympic Stratford
Westport	Regents Park
Finglas	Norfolk, Penstorpe

Dundrum Shopping Centre

Sussex Prarie Farm

Cabinteely Park

Leiden , Holland

Fernhill,Sandyford

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