



**Audubon Society
of Rhode Island**

Let's get Rhode Island Buzzing About Pollinators!

Bee Rally at the State House: Tuesday, June 19, 2018; 2:00 – 4:00 pm

State House lit in Bumblebee Black and Yellow: June 18 – 24, 2018

Somewhere between 75% and 95% of all flowering plants on the earth need pollinators. Over 180,000 different plant species and more than 1200 crops depend on their services. That means that one out of every three bites of food you eat is on your plate because of pollinators! Many pollinator populations are in decline due to the loss of feeding and nesting habitats, pollution, misuse of chemicals, disease, and changes in climatic patterns.

Audubon Society of Rhode Island will celebrate National Pollinator Week by lighting the State House in bumblebee yellow and black and hosting a Bee Rally on June 19, 2018.

Join us to:

- Raise public awareness of the need to protect pollinators and their habitats.
- Encourage State legislators and decision makers to make pollinators a priority.
- Celebrate the steps that Rhode Island has taken to enhance pollinator habitat.
- Promote media coverage of Pollinator Week.

Who should join the Bee Rally?

- Farmers and food vendors who depend on pollinators – sampling is welcome
- Musicians and Artists
- Children / Schools
- Pollinator garden and habitat experts

We are inviting Governor Raimondo to join the Bee Rally and share what she and her administration are doing to keep pollinators healthy in Rhode Island. There may even be a release of butterflies!

Join the Rally and Help get Rhode Island Buzzing!

Consider hosting a table, presenting information or providing entertainment. It's FREE!

Please respond by March 30, 2018.

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