

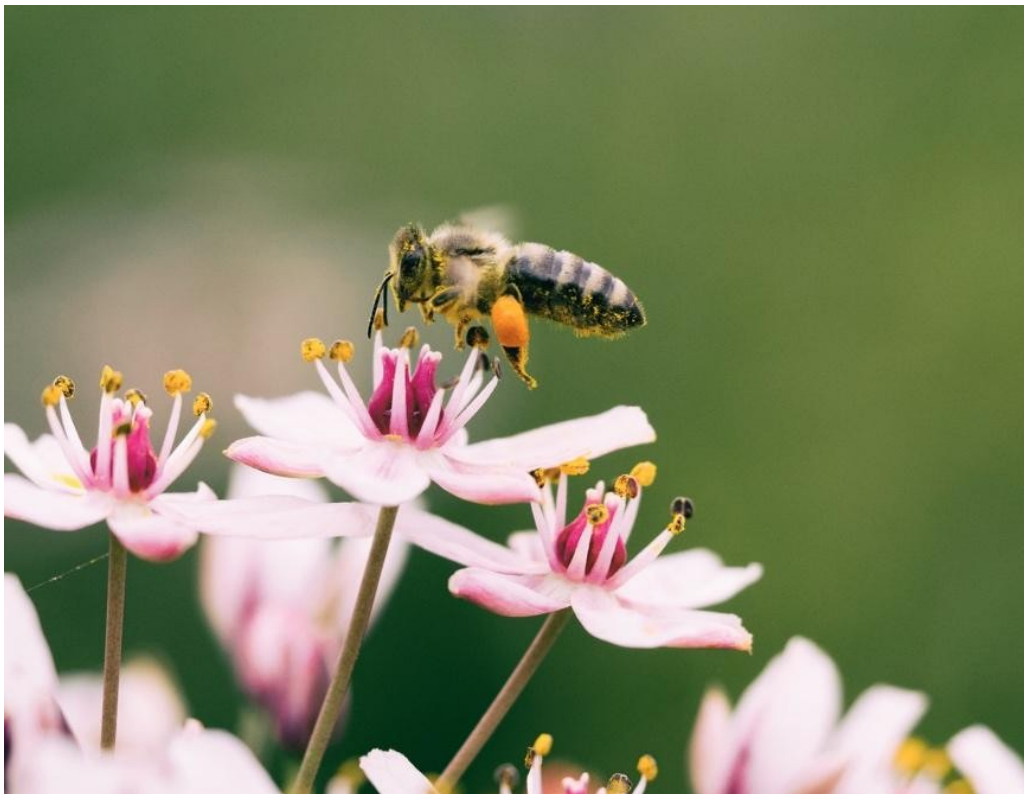
April to June: Ecology and biodiversity

Low-tech - Case Study



Case Study

Month:	Spring 23
Topic:	Ecology
Case Study Title:	Pollinator Initiatives



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Name of climate or social enterprise or activist group:	<i>The International Pollinators Initiative. Or for Switzerland: Platforms habitats fleuris</i>
What is their story?	Here we highlight the International Pollinators Initiative launched in 2018. Indeed, we have presented in the guide tips against food waste, but it is also important to note the problem of the decrease of pollinators around the world. Pollinators play a vital role in the global ecosystem. They are

	<p>also essential to combat climate change. Studies show that pollinators promote the growth of native plants that can consume and sequester carbon.</p> <p>Switzerland is part of this international initiative and is also taking steps to support bees. A 2016 Swiss report states that winter bee losses range from 9% to 23% (10% is considered normal).</p> <p>Thanks to various collaborations, the "Platforms habitats fleuris" project has made it possible to raise awareness in agricultural circles, but not only, of the importance of leaving flowering and wild bands on which the survival of pollinators depends.</p>
<p>Link to the case study:</p>	<p>https://www.agroscope.admin.ch/agroscope/fr/home/actualite/dossiers/archiv-dossier/Plate-forme-habitats-fleuris.html</p>
<p>Why is this a good example to follow?</p>	<p>These examples show the importance of collecting and exchanging information on pollinators. This exchange of information is crucial when different audiences with different agendas do not rub shoulders with each other or little rub shoulders, because this is how shared knowledge makes it possible to find simple and pollinator-friendly solutions.</p> <p>Also, knowing the complicated situation of pollinators raises awareness of the importance of the resources they bring us, that is to say, food, and that we must protect them and avoid any waste.</p>
<p>What did Impact this sample case study do?</p>	<p>These initiatives by decision-makers provide a framework and empower specialised organisations to protect pollinators. For example, conservation associations have sensitised maintenance services not to mow forest or rural roads too early in May and June to avoid an abrupt end of the summer flora that serves as food or shelter for a multitude of species.</p>
<p>References</p>	<p>The International Pollinator Initiative, Action Plan 2018-2030.</p> <p>Report on the implementation of the national plan for bee health, Federal Council, December 2016.</p> <p>BRock on the International Pollinators Initiative : https://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/conservation/species/pollinators/pdf/ENV-19-003-LeafletPollinators-FR-C-web.pdf</p> <p>Pronatura brochure on how to preserve biodiversity along forest and rural roads: https://www.pronatura-ju.ch/sites/pronatura-ju.ch/files/2018-09/entretien_raisonne_-_biodiversite_accrue.pdf</p> <p>Page on how to make a compost according to your habitat:</p>

<https://www.ecovi.fr/Faire-son-compost-en-ville-:-5-manieres-de-creer-son-compost-urbain-pg-297.html#:~:text=Le%20compostage%20en%20ville%20permet,en%20bas%20de%20votre%20immeuble.>