



# Illinois Pollinators Trunk



## How to Use this Trunk

The *Illinois Pollinators* trunk is designed to provide supplemental teaching tools about the animals that are pollinators in our state.

### Contents

The trunk contents are divided into three areas.

- The Binder has general information, lessons, correlations, documents and other information.
- The Backpack contains items that support outdoor study of pollinators. Field guides and equipment for observing pollinators are included.
- The Large Plastic Container holds the remainder of the resources, such as books, posters, lessons and models.

### Topics

There are five main topics supported by the items in the trunk. Each topic has its own section in the Binder. Each of these sections is correlated to resources in the trunk that support the topic. Feel free to use the items in any manner that is appropriate for your teaching.

- What are Pollinators?
- Why are Pollinators Important?
- How does Pollination Work?
- Helping Pollinators
- Pollinator Gardens

### Use

Copy and use the *Contents Checklist* both when you borrow the trunk and when you are ready to return it. If any of the items are missing when you obtain the trunk, please let the lending location staff know. If something should become broken when you are using the trunk, please tell the lending location staff. If something is missing when you are ready to return the trunk, please look for the item. If you cannot find it, tell the lending location staff.

The items in the trunk are meant to supplement your teaching. All lessons have been correlated to the Next Generation Science Standards and Illinois Early Learning and Development Standards, as appropriate.

We encourage you and your students to study pollinators both in the classroom and outdoors. Studying these animals in nature can be an amazing experience for students. Implementing and maintaining a pollinator garden so that it can be used by all students at the school is a worthwhile educational activity, too.