

# Improvements for Mill Lake Park

## In-Depth Restoration of Biodiversity

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### Pollinators:

Increasing numbers of plants during June-September, the can sustain bee populations until the end of the growing session.

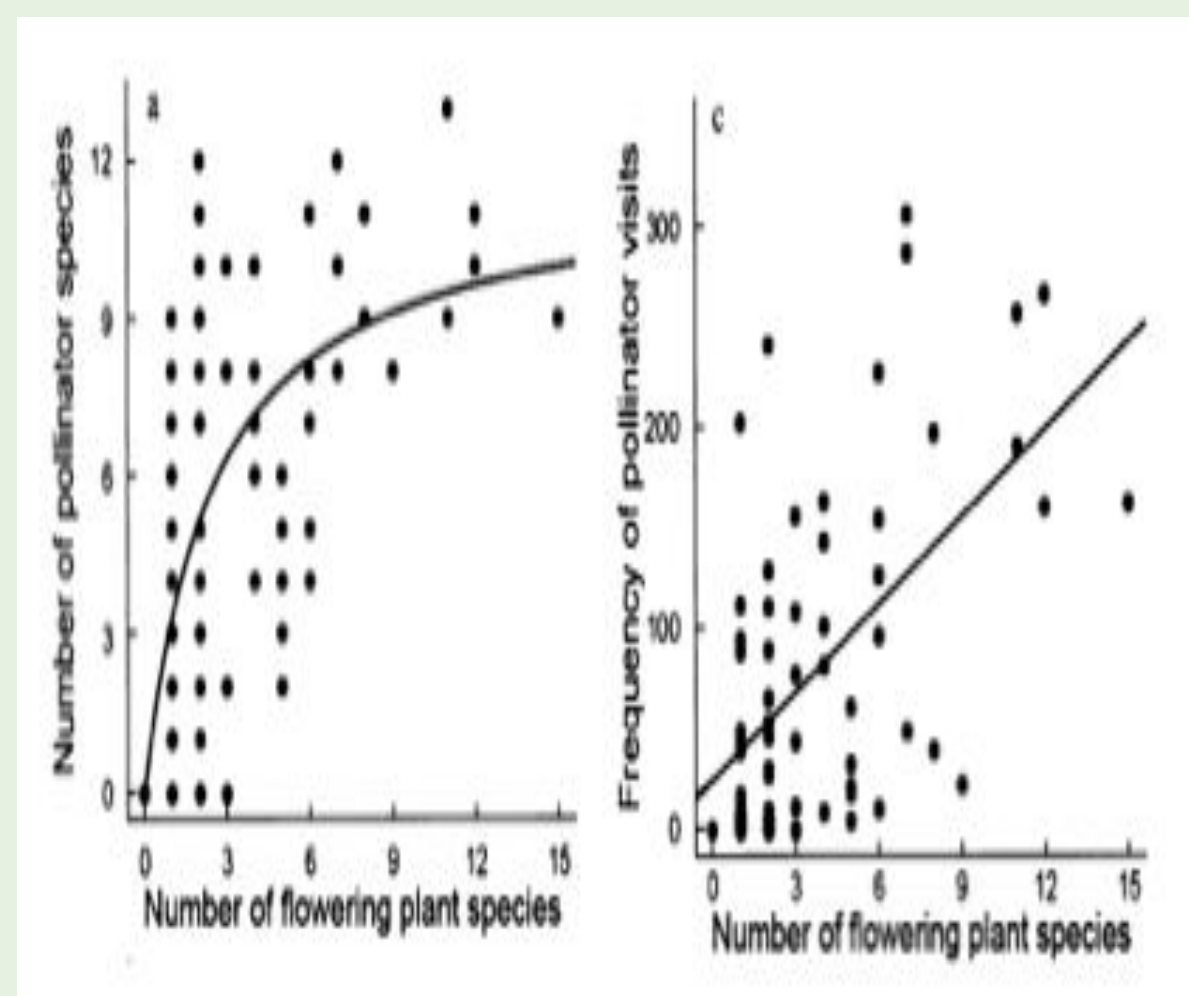
Example:

*Eriophyllum lanatum*



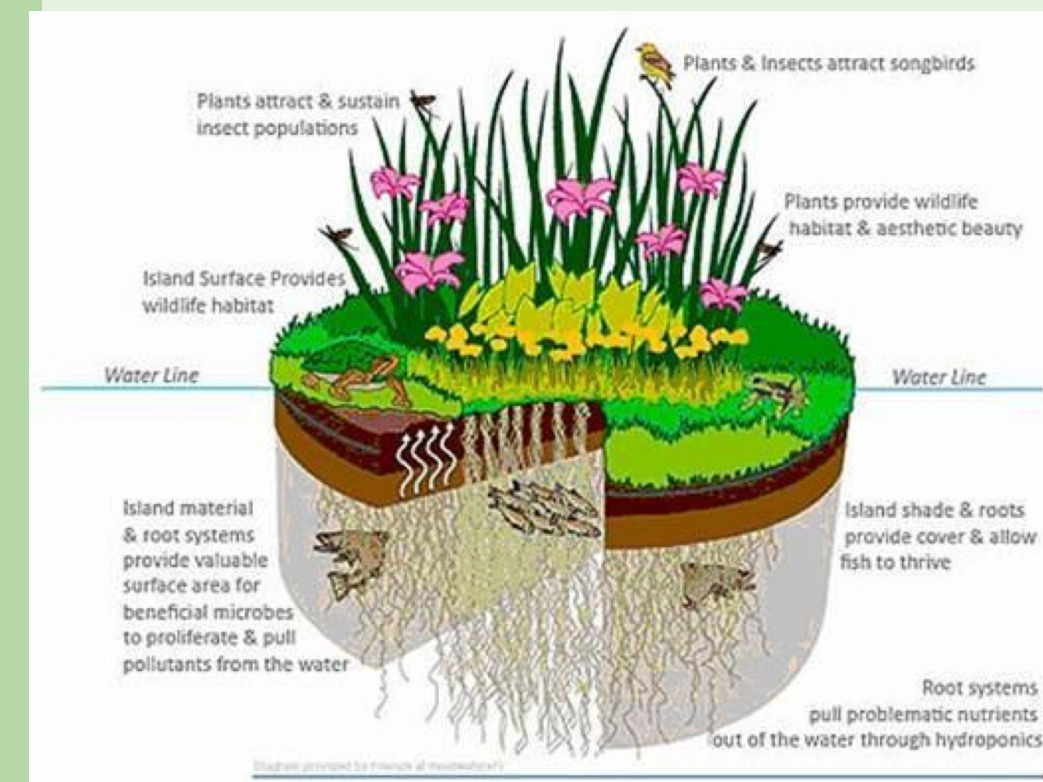
### Community Garden:

-Increases presence of pollinators  
-Graphs below show positive correlation between number of flowering species and pollinator species that visit the area



### Recommendations:

-Install a fence nested area providing protection from human disturbance and predators  
-Install signage encouraging humans to not disturb the area and prevent dumping of Red-eared Slider turtles  
-Install and anchor logs offshore, to provide basking sites



### Improving Biodiversity

**Bird Diversity:** Ways to provide security for existing birds and bringing in new ones:

- Info boards on birds in the park to increase public awareness.
- Increase native plant diversity to decrease plant monocultures and increase the park's carrying capacity.

### Human Impacts on Park Services

#### Recommendation to decrease human impacts on species/park:

- Decrease litter by adding more garbage/recycling bins near the parks
- Educational signs to educate visitors on various species and to show visitors what not to do.

### Habitat Enhancement for Endangered Western Painted Turtles



Also, uncourage UFV students in a catch and release program to estimate the Western Painted Turtle population, which removing Red-eared Sliders from the lake

### Floating Biological Island

- Improve water quality
- Safe-Haven for aquatic species
- Increase Biodiversity
- New aesthetic addition to the park

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