



PEOPLE & POLLINATORS

RESOURCES ON BEES, BEEKEEPING,
GARDENS, & OUR GREATER FOOD SYSTEM

The EatWell Pod at Semel Healthy Campus Initiative collaborated with the California Master Beekeeper Program, Bruin Beekeepers, the Food Studies Undergraduate Minor, and the LiveWell Pod to present a panel on the importance of bees in our food system, our gardens, and our lives.

As aligned with our missions of connecting human and planetary health, encouraging hands-on learning, and knowledge exchange we would like to share this list of resources, generously shared by our partners in this event.



Our partners:

The California Master Beekeeper Program (CAMBP) is a train-the-trainer effort. The CAMBP's vision is to train Apprentice, Journey, and Master level beekeepers so they can effectively communicate the importance of honey bees and other pollinators within their communities, serve as mentors for other beekeepers, and become the informational conduit between the beekeeping communities throughout the state and UCCE staff. [Visit their website for class schedules and more information.](#)



Bruin Beekeepers works to strengthen bee populations and their relationship with humans at UCLA and the surrounding community through habitat restoration, education, and research. They installed the first native bee hotel at the Mildred E. Mathias Botanical Gardens and recently installed the first honey bee hive at UCLA on the roof of the Life Sciences. [Visit here for more information](#) or subscribe to their quarterly newsletter [here](#).

jane b semel HCI Community Garden, located in Sunset Canyon Recreation Center, is a transdisciplinary, hands-on learning space that builds community and promotes personal, community, and planetary health at UCLA with a goal of supporting equity and food justice. The Garden is currently running its inaugural regenerative gardening certificate program and has contributed [this fall seasonal produce guide](#).



The Food Studies Undergraduate minor uses “food”—its production, preparation, sharing, consumption, and disposal—as a lens for understanding individual, socio-cultural, and global issues. Through interdisciplinary courses and a capstone experience, students in the Food Studies minor will acquire a unique understanding of Food Studies and emerge with a new intellectual framework for understanding this expanding area of study. [Learn more about applying to the minor here.](#)

RESOURCES FROM THE JANE B. SEMEL HCI COMMUNITY GARDEN:

10 Bees and 10 Plants They Love:

"Most people can recognize non-native, everpresent European honey bees, but many are unaware of the 1600 species of native bee that can be found in California, many of them in our own gardens." [Check out this resource](#), from the UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden to learn more about native Californian bees.

Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers & Native Plants:

Theodore Payne Foundation for Wild Flowers & Native Plants works to transform the CA region into sustainable, healthy communities. They do this through education regarding native plants especially. The foundation is located on 22 acres of canyon land in the northeast corner of the San Fernando Valley. [Learn more and visit the foundation here](#).

Where to buy local, sustainable, native Californian seeds:

Planting native Californian plants is key for supporting our native pollinators and the integral role they play in our food system, our ecology, and our lives. There are a variety of online, local nurseries that sell native seeds. We suggest checking out [Larner Seeds](#), [Las Pilitas Nursery](#), and [this seed mix](#), specific to supporting Central Coast and Southern Californian pollinators.

RESOURCES FROM BRUIN BEEKEEPERS:



Hive Tours at UCLA:

Bruin Beekeepers is offering tours of our hives on campus, including the native hive in the Mathias Botanical Garden and the honey hives on the Life Sciences Building roof. [To request a spot on a tour, sign up here!](#)

Beekeeper Training Program:

Bruin Beekeepers offers 3-month beekeeper training programs that include certification in beekeeping, CPR, first-aid, and epinephrine auto-injection. To view the syllabus and enroll, [check out this link!](#)

RESOURCES FROM CAMBP:

Williams Lab at University of California, Davis:

The ongoing research at the UC Davis Williams Lab addresses basic questions about bee ecology, evolution, and behavior. They explore the intricacies of pollinator-floral interactions from animal and plant perspectives to better understand the persistence of pollinator populations, pollinator and plant communities, and pollination in the context of global change. [Check out their fact sheet on successful bee habitats here](#).

Interested in Bees & Think You Might Want to Become a Beekeeper?

Are you interested in honey bees and think you might want to become a beekeeper or get involved with CAMBP? Do you have an interest in beekeeping, but may not be ready for a colony? Do you just want to learn more about bees? [Check out this blog post](#), from University of California's Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, to learn more about getting involved.

Pollen Nation, documentary

[Pollen Nation](#) is a science documentary that follows one migratory beekeeper and a semi-load full of honeybees from Minnesota to California, investigating why bees are dying in record numbers. It's the first film to explore what happens when pollination - nature's ancient and ingenious intersection of plants and insects - becomes a global commodity.

The Pollinators, documentary

The Pollinators is a cinematic journey around the United States following migratory beekeepers and their truckloads of honey bees as they pollinate the flowers that become the fruits, nuts and vegetables we all eat. Watch it on Amazon [here](#) or for free through your UCLA [Kanopy account here](#).

