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Pollinator Diversity in Sustainable Agroecosystems

Message from the Guest Editors

Pollinating insects are an essential component of production in flowering crops. Pollinators not only improve yields, but also enhance crop quality. However, other than the provision of managed honeybees and bumblebees, management and conservation of wild bees are not often considered as part of routine crop management. This may partly be because gradual declines in wild pollinators has not been realised through crop losses over the longer term, but also because evidence for key pollinator species of many crops is only just becoming evident. Key pollinators differ between crops and between cropping regions. Therefore, it is essential that the basic biology, ecology, and habitat requirements of these insects and their interactions with crops and surrounding habitats are understood to inform and adjust management practices in order to improve targeted insect pollinator diversity and sustainable crop production.

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