

# Pollinators of Wisconsin



Photo by Susan Mahr

## Painted Lady Butterfly (*Vanessa cardui*)

- Migrate to WI in June from deserts of northern Mexico
- Caterpillars feed on hollyhock, mallow, sunflower, thistles and similar plants
- Adults like open area like prairies, old fields, vacant lots and gardens
- In fall, feeds on blazing star, cosmos, zinnia and other tall plants
- Adults only live for about two weeks



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