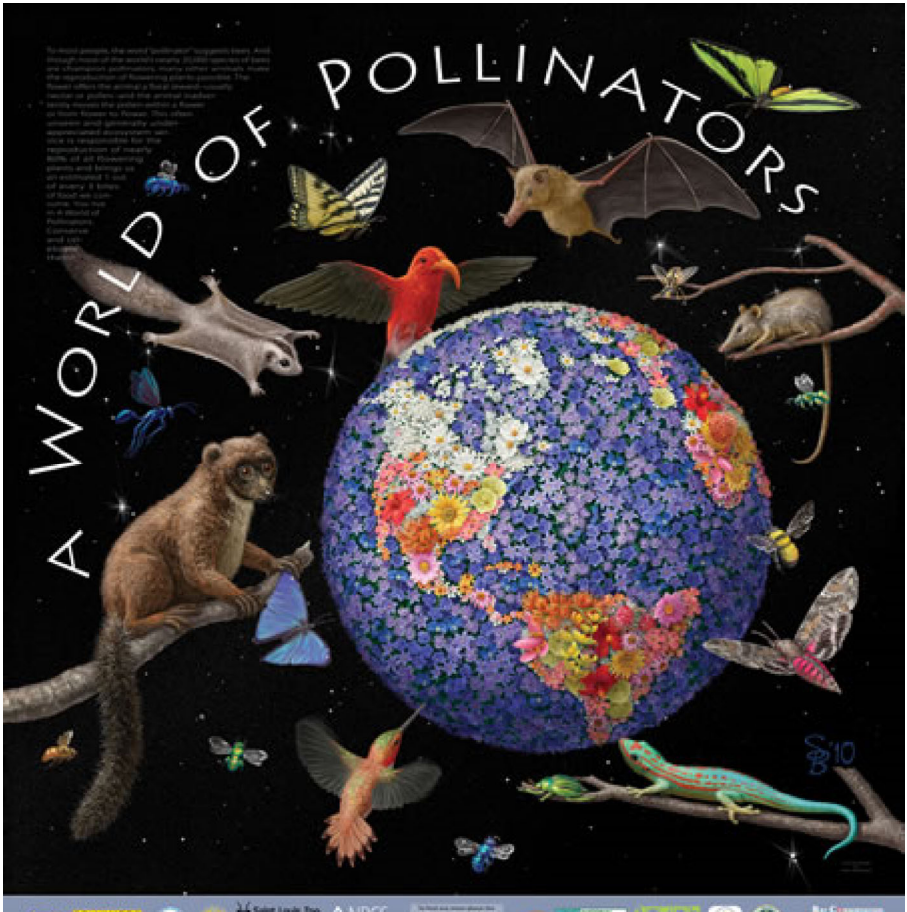
A WORLD OF POLLINATORS
To most people, the word "pollinator" suggests bees. And though most of the world's nearly 20,000 species of bees are champion pollinators, many other animals involved the reproduction of flowering plants possible. The flower offers the animal a floral reward—usually nectar or pollen—and the animal inadvertently moves the pollen within a flower or from flower to flower. This often powerful and generally under-appreciated ecosystem service is responsible for the reproduction of nearly 80% of all flowering plants and brings us an estimated 1 out of every 3 bites of food we consume. How rich is A World of Pollinators, Conservation and Utilization!
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