



Bee Campus USA Annual Report for 2018 Pollinator Conservation & Education



Randolph College Lynchburg, Virginia

EDUCATION & OUTREACH



Photos: Phyllis Stiles / Xerces Society

Author's note: Unfortunately we had a coordinator change mid-year and lost some of the information for early 2018.

We built pollinator houses and water features at Randolph College SciFest.

POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT

In our organic garden, we direct seeded a 1,000 sq ft meadow with varieties of milkweed, bee balm, and nodding onion. The location is low mow (annual mowing only) for structural diversity and has woody piles for nesting. (Completed November)

POLICIES & PRACTICES

Our committee is volunteer-based, interested parties volunteer their time for committee activities. The variety of grounds staff, professors, outreach staff and students allows us to touch a variety of parts on campus ranging from our library to the sciences. This helps us communicate activities and harness volunteer power for activities.

Recommended Locally Native Plant Species List—We are in the process of developing the list. Our goal is to have our Sustainability interns finish it by the end of 2019.

Regional Native Plant Suppliers List— To be developed

Pollinator-Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan— To be developed

SERVICE-LEARNING

Our college hosted two service-learning events involving 48 students: one on campus, planting natives as part of the organic gardening course; and the other, cleaning up habitat off campus.

CURRICULUM

- Organic Gardening, spring semester, 18 students studied gardening with pollinators in mind.
- Botany, spring semester, 25 primarily biology students studied requirements for pollination.
- Sustainability, spring semester, 20 general education course & environmental studies students studied natural area management, pollinators in agriculture, sustainable food systems and pollinators.
- Quantitative methods of environmental problems, spring semester 2018, 15 environmental studies students studied quantitative analysis of pollinators and their impact on agricultural systems.

EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE

We have one educational sign about pollinators.

CONTACT US!

Committee: Randolph College Bee Campus Working Group

Website: We utilize our community portal and public calendar. We are in the process of renovating our Sustainability webpage and will be adding a section on our bee campus commitment.