

Bee City USA - Garden City

Report on 2021



Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

We are expanding the Garden City Pollinator Habitat. The adjoining 400 square feet will have a pollinator-friendly "lawn" of creeping thyme, with native shrubs at the back. The goal of this extension was to show an example of a lawn substitute and create a low-water, easy-maintenance exhibit. It is being solarized and will be planted in April.





Education & Outreach

The Garden City Library hosted three speaker events, and we held a Pollinator Celebration at the Pollinator Habitat. The Ada Soil and Water Conservation District hosted the Treasure Valley Pollinator Project, offering pollinator flower plant mixes for sale, with follow up surveys and workshops. <https://adaswcd.org/pollinator-project> The Golden Eagle Audubon chapter has launched a Habitat Patch Program, with requirements for at least 3 native plants and other practices that support pollinators as well as birds. <https://www.goldeneagleaudubon.org/habitat-patch-program>



Pollinator Celebration activity



Identifying bees in the Garden City Pollinator Habitat



Monarch Butterfly information and free milkweed

Policies & Practices

Garden City continues to apply the utmost consideration and safety during pest management applications and only applies what is needed to control unwanted nuisances. We have reduced the amount of city managed lands to which pesticides are applied by the size of the expanded pollinator garden.

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:



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