

Bee City USA - Eureka Springs

Report on 2023

Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

Please describe pollinator habitat creation or enhancement projects in your community in 2023, and whether your committee hosted them or not.

The City of Eureka Springs has made significant progress in adding native plantings to the many city parks. Much of the input for the improvements has been through coalition of Parks and Recreation with input from community groups and volunteers.

How many habitat projects did you help to create or enhance in 2023?

6

How many people (staff, volunteers, students, partners, etc.) helped with those projects?

11

How many projects benefit monarchs, milkweed, or nectar plantings?

6

How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?

1200

Please check all that describe the habitats your affiliate helped to create or enhance in 2023 with pollinator benefit in mind.

- Flower garden
- Vegetable garden
- Natural area with tree snags and stumps, and bare areas for ground nesting species
- Meadow
- Pollinator-friendly lawn (with flowering clover, dandelions...)
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting

- Native pollinator-friendly shrub border/hedgerow planting
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Education & Outreach

Please describe pollinator conservation events or outreach activities in your community in 2023, indicating whether your committee hosted them or not.

We were involved with monthly events from January through October of 2023. These were discussions and informative gatherings as well as hands on and guided nature walks identifying flora and fauna. 2 one Day Native Plant distributions were available in the Spring and in the Fall.

How many pollinator-related events or outreach activities did you host or help with in 2023 (in total)?

10

How many people attended those events (in total)?

345

How many Bee City USA logo street signs have you installed to date (in total)?

4

Policies & Practices

Please check actions you have taken to make pest management practices more pollinator-friendly.

- **Avoided use of pesticides in public sites containing designated pollinator habitat or other sensitive features (except when targeted use is deemed the best option for invasive or noxious weed, insect or disease management)**
- **Eliminated pesticide uses that are solely to maintain aesthetics on city or campus grounds**
- **Reduced the total area of city or campus-managed lands to which pesticides are applied**
- **Eliminated use of neonicotinoid insecticides on city or campus grounds**
- **Distributed educational materials to residents or students to encourage the reduction or elimination of pesticide use**
- **Sourced plants for city or campus grounds using “Buying Bee-Safe Plants” methods recommended by Xerces Society. (See <https://xerces.org/publications/fact-sheets/buying-bee-safe-plants>)**

- Sourced plants for city or campus grounds that were not treated with neonicotinoids
- Encouraged developers and private landscapers to source plants that were not treated with neonicotinoids

Are efforts underway in your community to further reduce pesticide use in residential or business areas? This may include neighborhood-led efforts, outreach to landscapers, etc. If so, please describe.

We continue to offer education about the importance of reducing pesticides to protect our water systems, rivers and lakes in addition to our 66 natural cold-water springs within our city limits.

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

<https://www.wildflower.org/collections/collection.php?collection=AR>

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

<http://Missouri%20Wildflowers%20Nursery%20mowildflowers.net>

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