

Bee Campus USA - Illinois Wesleyan University

Report on 2024

Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

Please describe pollinator habitat creation or enhancement projects in your community in 2024, and whether your committee hosted them or not.

The habitat development project was locating down gentian (*gentiana puberulenta*) seed, obtaining it from Don Gardener of Ford County, cold moist stratifying it, and planting in the prairie nursery.

How many habitat projects did you help to create or enhance in 2024?

1

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

5

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

2

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

2

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

- Flower garden

Education & Outreach

Please describe pollinator conservation events or outreach activities in your community in 2024, indicating whether your committee hosted them or not.

We had 4 events and 1 habitat development project. The events were 2 "outdoor education" programs by Eric Jome, 1 lecture by Jack Pizzo of Pizzo and Associates, and one lecture by Traci Barkley of Sola Gratia Farm.

How many pollinator-related events or outreach activities did you host or help with in 2024 (in total)?

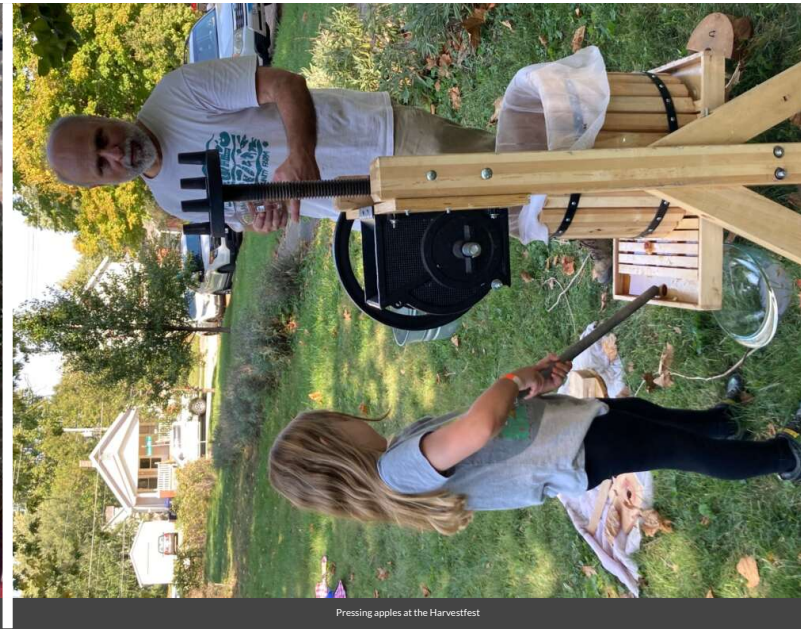
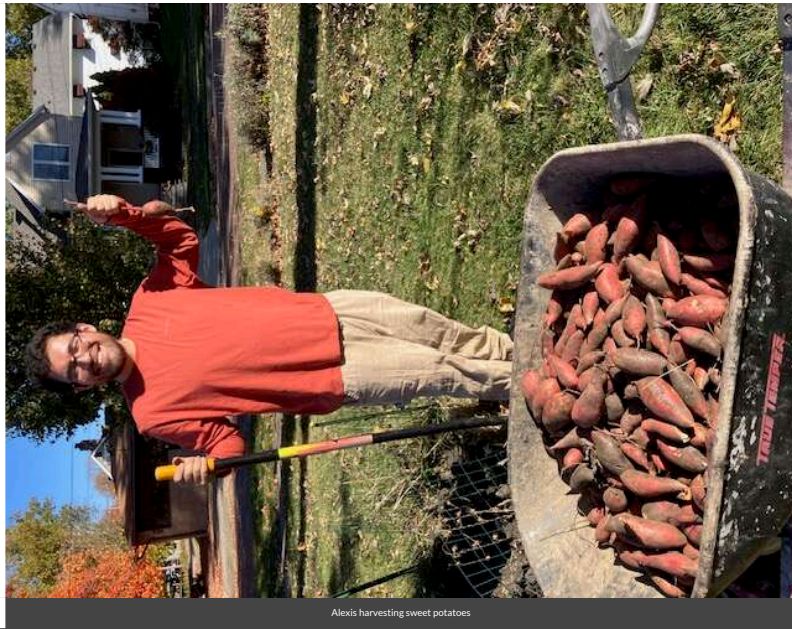
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How many people attended those events (in total)?

35

Number of permanent interpretive/educational/Bee Campus USA signs installed to date?

3



Curriculum, Continuing Education, & Service Learning

Please describe the curriculum your campus engaged in 2024, indicating whether it was part of a for-credit course or continuing education.

Eric Jome taught 2 outdoor education workshops which focused on lighting a fire and winter camping.

Policies & Practices

Please describe actions taken to make pest management more pollinator-friendly.

We added several new species to our prairie garden.

In your city or campus, are any policy initiatives underway to further protect pollinators, people or waterways from pesticides?

The Bloomington-Normal Water Reclamation District (BNWRD) is planning to remove the concrete from the stretch of Sugar Creek which runs through the IWU campus.

Did your committee participate in any continuing education on ecologically-based Integrated Pest Management planning?

No.

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

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

No.

Committee Photo

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Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: