

Bee Campus USA - University of Tennessee at Martin

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.

We weeded our two established pollinator gardens (1/4 acre and 1 acre in size), removing invasive exotic weeds. We began site preparation for a third garden which was established in April 2025, of 1/4 acre. Our committee hosted the first two and carried out the third.

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

3

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

36

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

3

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

64000

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

- Flower garden
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Invasive/exotic plant species removal for habitat improvement

Education & Outreach

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

Outreach included a Weed Wrangle on 4/9/2024 in which student volunteers removed invasive privet from our

campus greenway to make room for native flowering species. KaBloom was an opportunity on 4/23/2024 for students to assist campus grounds for four hours in planting flowers in campus gardens. A Social Media announcement was posted on Facebook on 6/22 inviting all to celebrate National Pollinator Week. All events were hosted by our Committee, which includes the Director of Campus Grounds, and the Coordinator of the Center For Sustainability.

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

3

How many people attended those events (in total)?

22

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

3

Want to help beautify our campus this spring?

KaBloom!

Gather your team and
RSVP by April 12 to
dchambli@utm.edu.

**Tuesday, April 23rd
10am-2pm**

KaBloom! invites all students and staff to compete in a four-hour planting marathon.

This is a great opportunity to get involved outdoors and compete with others around campus. Grounds will supply plants, tools and a team leader to support your efforts!

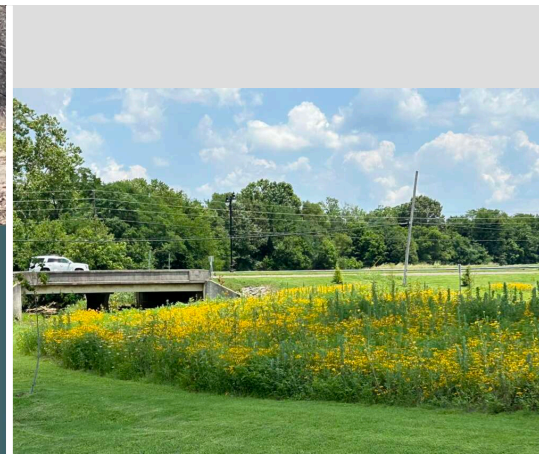


UTM CAMPUS DAY OF SERVICE: WEED WRANGLE!

The UTM Center for Sustainability is hosting a service Saturday! We will need volunteers to help us pick up trash and remove invasive plants. We invite all students and staff as we beautify Martin!

Gloves and other equipment will be provided.
Question? Email: elattus@ut.utm.edu

**Saturday, April 20th. 10am-12pm
Brian Brown Greenway**



One of two campus pollinator gardens.

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.

Wildlife Biology 450: Wildlife Habitat Management, includes lecture and field laboratory components on establishment, management, and taxonomy of pollinator habitat. Plant Science 442: Crop Ecology, includes numerous references to beneficial pollinator plants and their preservation on the landscape. A Master Gardeners extension course includes a class on landscaping for wildlife, which includes a strong pollinator component.

How many of your for-credit courses included pollinator-related information in 2024?

2

How many students attended those for-credit courses?

33

How many of your continuing education courses included pollinator-related information in 2024?

1

How many participants attended those continuing education courses?

28

Please describe the service-learning projects your students were engaged in 2024, indicating which, if any, were associated with a course.

NA

Policies & Practices

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

Our Integrated Pest Management plan calls for pesticides to be used only as a last resort, and not near pollinator plantings or areas of heavy human use.

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

UT Martin Campus Grounds Department follows our IPM plan.

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.

- Implemented or maintained a written IPM plan
- Only use pesticides as a last resort within the IPM plan
- 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)
- Implemented non-chemical pest prevention and management methods on city or campus grounds

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

Plan Ahead! Getting public events on the calendar early helps with participation and follow-through!

Committee Photo

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan: [UTM IPM plan \(1\).docx](#)

Recommended Native Plant List: [Native Plant List.docx](#)

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List: [Plant Sources.docx](#)