

Bee City USA - Eureka Springs

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.

Garden and Springs Pollinators. The City of Eureka Springs, springs and gardens are planted with the intent to attract pollinators. Each year the Parks and Recreation Gardener has a multi-thousand dollar budget for the refresh and planting of flowering plants. This is maintained throughout the year, with the documented presence of pollinators such as the Sachem, Hackberry Emperor, Black Swallowtail, Painted Lady, and Monarch. Citizen Volunteers are encouraged to "adopt a Park" to assist in the labor necessary to maintain the designated areas. A "Pollinator Zone" and "Glade Zone" were maintained and monitored in 2024. These Zones are part of a collaborative effort that allows Parks to maintain selected areas in lieu of power service provider periodic clearing with heavy machinery. The Pollinator Zone was monitored for the emergence of seeded native pollinators, and trailside invasive species (*Lespedeza*) were controlled. A portion of a "Glade Zone" was monitored for annual emergence of the pollinator-friendly Trelease's Larkspur (*Delphinium treleasei*). This zone is being progressively cleared of scattered tall woody species. While no clearing activity was completed in 2024, significant areas were cleared in 2023 and 2025, providing a managed area of approximately 92,355 ft². Section of Pollinator Zone ~2,000 ft² Native Plant Garden Upgrade ~845 ft² NOTE: A clearing of scattered tall woody species was completed on ~15,352 ft² in a powerlines rights-of-way "Glade Zone" in 2023; but this was not reported. This Glade Zone clearing was completed in early 2025, with an additional ~55,210 ft² cleared.. A native plant garden in the cabins area of Lake Leatherwood City Park was refurbished and enhanced with native pollinator species and donated shade trees.

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?

20

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

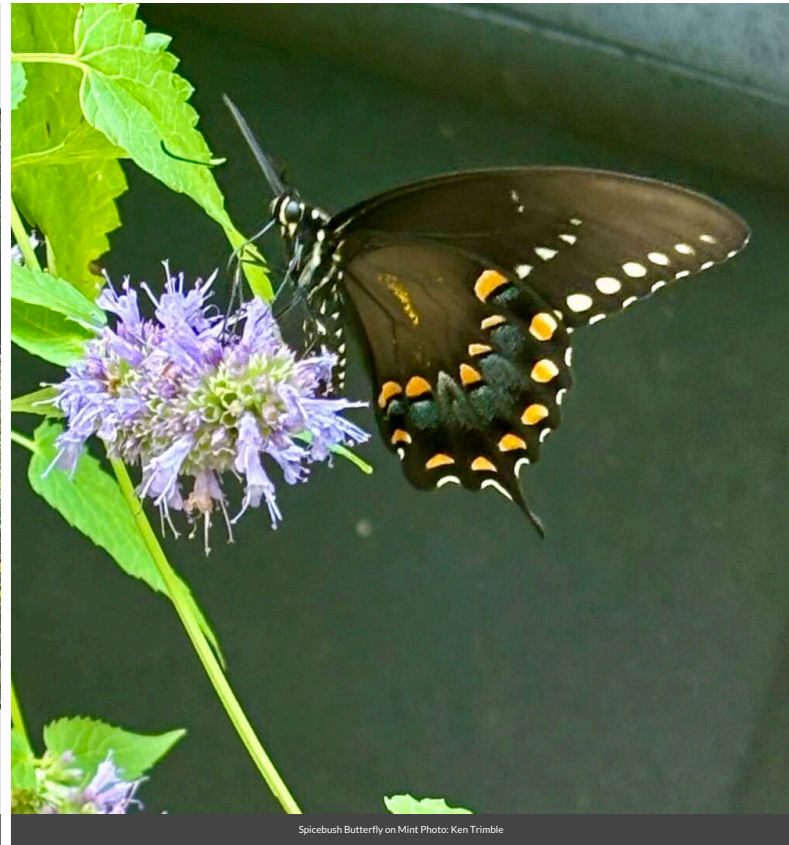
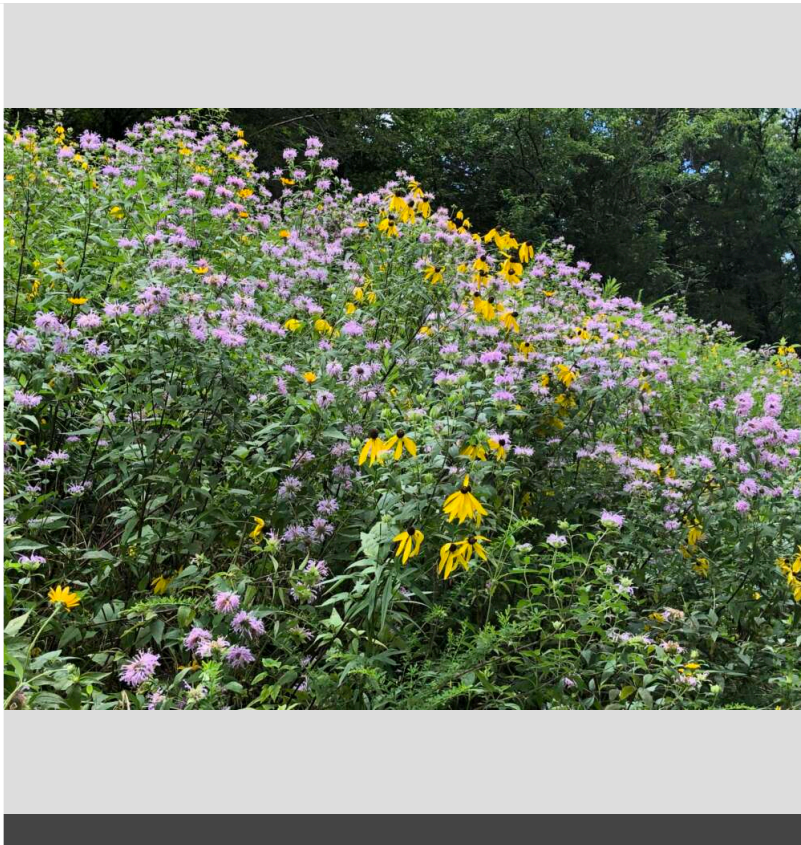
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How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?

3550

Please check all that describe the habitats your affiliate helped to create or enhance in 2024 with pollinator benefit in mind.

- Flower 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
- Roadside/rights of way planting
- School garden



Spicebush Butterfly on Mint Photo: Ken Trimble

Education & Outreach

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

Holiday Island Pollinator Festival hosted by Holiday Island Chamber of Commerce. Tabled event for general public including a native plant and pollinator walk through their new garden. City Proclamation for Pollinator Week Continued presence on Facebook and Instagram Continued cooperation with Eureka Springs Beekeepers Club Through City Parks and several sponsors 600 Native trees and shrubs were given away to the community during one Spring and one Fall event.

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

6

How many people attended those events (in total)?

60

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

6



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Lake Leatherwood City Park

Sep 27, 2024

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Leatherwood Native Plant Walk Photo: E S Parks & Rec

POLLINATOR FESTIVAL JUNE 22ND



No Entry Fee

Event Location:



THE PAVILLION
13 BUCKSKIN LANE
HOLIDAY ISLAND, AR. 72631



10 AM - 2PM

Don't miss out on learning & supporting our illustrious Pollinators! Visit a Glass Bee Hive, enjoy eco-friendly activities & learn from our experts at each exhibit booth.

Kids Activities include:

- Observation Bee Hive (find the Queen)
- Build Butterflies out of Native Seeds
- Learn Milk Jug Germination
- Face Painting

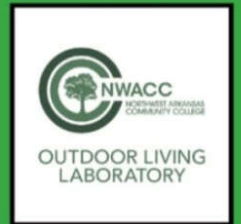
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Sample Honey Varieties



Holiday Island Pollinator Festival Photo Holiday Island Chamber of Commerce

Policies & Practices

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

Through cooperation with Parks and Public Works we have been successful in limiting necessary pesticide usages to non-flowering schedules, eliminating neonicotinoids, and placing emphasis on organic choices whenever possible.



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.

Not at this time

In your city or campus, are any policy initiatives underway to further protect pollinators, people or waterways from pesticides? Through cooperation with Parks and Public Works we have been successful in limiting necessary pesticide usages to non-flowering schedules, eliminating neonicotinoids, and placing emphasis on organic choices whenever possible.

Did your committee participate in any continuing education on ecologically-based Integrated Pest Management planning? Through cooperation with Parks and Public Works we have been successful in limiting necessary pesticide usages to non-flowering schedules, eliminating neonicotinoids, and placing emphasis on organic choices whenever possible.

Committee Photo



Eureka Springs Pollinator Alliance Discussion Photo: Mariellen Griffith

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Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

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

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

<https://mowildflowers.net/>

<http://eurekaparks.com>

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