

Bee City USA - Lookout Mountain, TN

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 helped the Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club to clean up and plant 20 pollinator plants and butterfly host plants in the Plant America Pollinator Garden, the Commons, Lookout Mountain, TN. We sponsored a Fall Gardening Workshop at Chattanooga South Branch Library. Topics covered: How to create a Food Forest, Trees for Bees, Host Plants for Butterflies. We worked with the Care of Creation committee and the youth group at the Church of Good Shepherd to plant a Food Forest around the church parking lots. We taught the youth group about pollinators and demonstrated how to plant trees and shrubs.

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

4

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

15

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

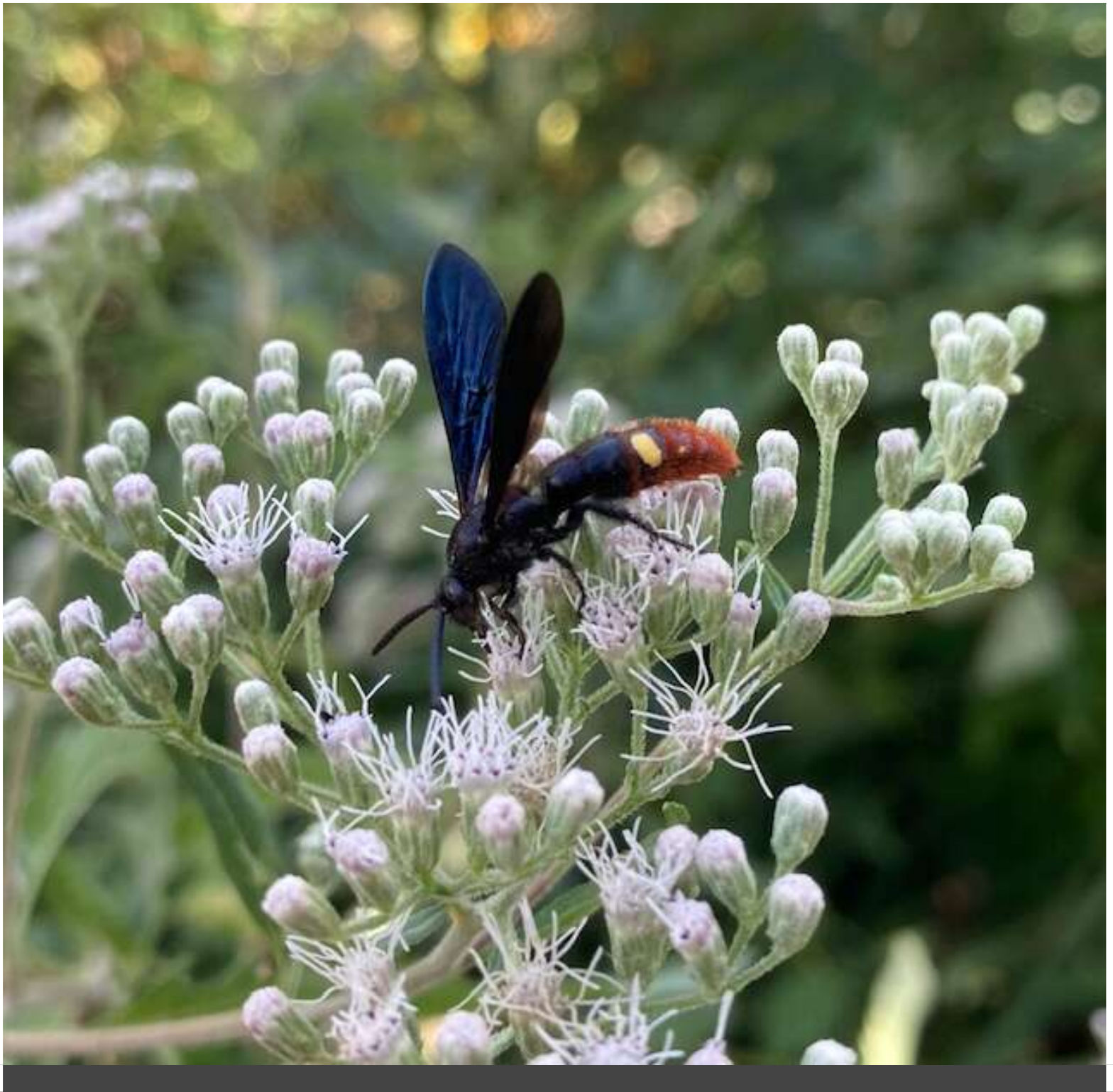
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How many total square feet of habitat were created or enhanced?

900

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

- Flower garden
- Orchard
- Native milkweed planting for monarchs and bees (where appropriate)
- Native pollinator-friendly tree planting
- School garden
- Other



Education & Outreach

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

June 22, 2024. Bee City USA partnered with the Church of Good Shepherd Care of Creation Committee to celebrate National Pollinator Week with a Shepherd's Walk to five pollinator gardens on Lookout Mountain. October 5, 2024. We partnered with the Chattanooga South Branch Library, Master Gardeners of Hamilton County, Food Forest Coalition of Chattanooga, and the Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club to educate the public about the importance of planting during the fall. We donated native trees and host plants to the attendees of the Workshop. We also donated and planted 10 milkweed plants in the South Branch Library's raised pollinator garden. October 2024. We worked with the Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club to restore a large pollinator garden that was damaged by a series of droughts on the mountain during the summer and fall of 2024. We restored 200 square feet of native plants. October-November. We partnered with the Care of Creation Committee from the Church of Good Shepherd and the Food Forest Coalition of Chattanooga to plant a Food Forest on the church grounds. We planted 900 square feet of nut and fruit trees and native plants. This is an ongoing project. We partnered with the Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club to sponsor a Monarchs Over the Mountain poster contest for Lookout Mountain School and Fairyland Elementary School. We worked with science teachers and art teachers to highlight the plants Monarchs need to complete their life cycles. Winners were honored with awards, and milkweed was donated to the pollinator gardens. June. We donated milkweed to Lookout Mountain School and Fairyland Elementary School pollinator gardens.

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

4

How many people attended those events (in total)?

55

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

2

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN BEAUTIFUL GARDEN CLUB

All about GARDENING IN THE FALL

at South Chattanooga Library



Join Master Gardeners, Carlton Mathes and Ann Brown to learn about planting and growing trees, shrubs, pollinator plants, and cool weather vegetable crops.

Special Activities

For Adults:

- Raised bed & grow bucket workshop
- Planting milkweed in the Monarch Waystation
- Plant giveaway

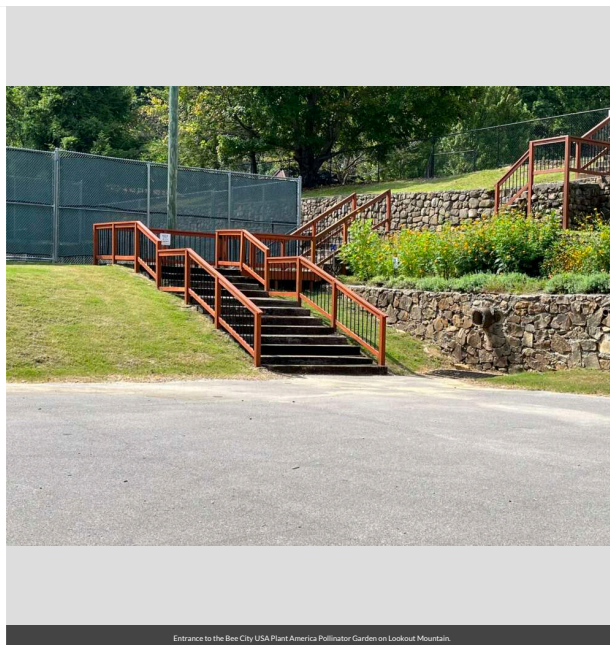
For Children:

- Face painting
- bookmark making
- story time

Date/Time **Location**
 October 5, 2024 Chattanooga Public Library,
 2-4 Pm South Branch
 925 W 99th St,
 Chattanooga, TN 37410
 (423) 643-7780

Sponsored by
 Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club
 &
 Lookout Mountain Bee City USA

Ann Brown Co-Chair Bee City USA and Carlton Mathes, Master Gardener team up to promote "All About Gardening in the Fall."



Monarchs Over the Mountain

Poster Contest



Create a garden that supports the life cycle of a Monarch butterfly!

Sponsored by Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club and Lookout Mountain Bee City USA.

Monarchs Over the Mountain Poster Contest sponsored by Bee City for elementary students on Lookout Mountain.

Policies & Practices

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

We always stress the purchase of pesticide-free plants, discourage the spraying for mosquitoes, and the use of lawn chemicals.

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.

Yes.

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

Yes

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

Yes

Any lessons learned you would like to share?

It is important to partner with other organizations to promote the Bee City mission. We added four new partners this year, the Master Gardeners of Hamilton County, the Food Forest Coalition of Chattanooga, Chattanooga South Branch Library, and the Care of Creation Committee from Church of the Good Shepherd.

Committee Photo

Learn More

Integrated Pest Management Plan: [Lookout Mountain Integrated Pest Policy for Bee City USA Gardens.docx](#)

Recommended Native Plant List: [Bee City Plant Lists 2021.docx](#)

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

<https://tnvalleywildones.org/native-plants/>

<https://www.lmbgardenclub.org/bee-city-usa>

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