



Western Regional Meeting

Bee City USA & Bee Campus USA
The Xerces Society
April 2026



Top: Friends of Seaside Parks Association (Bee City USA – Seaside, CA)
Bottom: Lynn Berggren (Bee City USA – Reno, NV)

Our Agenda

- Important dates
- Free resources
- Monarch Call to Action
- Western US case studies
- Q&A, discussion time

Photo: Bee City USA - Tualatin, OR



Important Dates

beecityusa.org/events

- **April 18-24:** Earth Week*
- **April 22:** Earth Day*
- **April 30:** Xerces Webinar: Creating Habitat in Yards, Containers, and Other Tiny Spaces
- **May 20:** World Bee Day
- **May 21:** BCUSA Webinar: How to Help Your Community Become a Bee City or Bee Campus
- **May 31:** Renewal Reports and Fees Due

*Promo Kits: beecityusa.org/promo-kits



Top: Wendy Iles (Hampton, VA). Bottom: University of California Riverside

Xerces Habitat Kit Proposal Windows

beecityusa.org/events

- **EXTENDED! By April 17:** Oregon Pollinator Habitat Kits
- **By April 17:** Washington Bumble Bee Habitat Kits
- **May 1 – June 30:** New Mexico Pollinator Kits
- **June 1 – 30:** Southern California Residential Habitat Kits



Top: Bee Camus USA - Clark College, WA; Bottom: Jessa Kay Cruz / Xerces Society

Resources - Coming Soon

- **Late April: Bee Friendly Lawns Toolkit** (Moving beyond No Mow May)
 - How to convert a lawn into habitat
 - Weed & Lawn ordinances
 - New Sign!* →
- **May: Pollinator Week Promo Kit** update
- **Spring: Western Monarch Call to Action**
- **Late 2026: Xerces Homeowner Association (HOA) and condo resources**

* xerces.org/publications



Monarch Migration



Spring & Fall

La Migración de la Monarca

Primavera y Otoño

LEGEND / LA LEYENDA

Overwintering areas		Zona de invernada
Spring breeding areas		Zona de reproducción de primavera
Spring & summer breeding areas		Zona de reproducción de primavera y verano
Summer breeding areas		Zona de reproducción de verano
No breeding area		Sin zona de reproducción
Resident population		Población residente
Potential breeding habitat		Hábitat no confirmada de reproducción
Fall migration		La migración de otoño
Spring migration		La migración de primavera
Unconfirmed migration		Ruta de migración no confirmada



NO MILKWEED / SIN CRECIMIENTO DE ALGODONCILLO

NORTHERN LIMIT OF MILKWEED / LÍMITE NORTE DE ALGODONCILLO

WINTER / INVIERNO

SPRING & SUMMER / PRIMAVERA Y VERANO

SUMMER / VERANO

SPRING / PRIMAVERA

PRIMAVERA Y VERANO

RESIDENT POPULATION / POBLACIÓN RESIDENTE

WINTER / INVIERNO

Western Monarch Overwintering in CA



Priority #1

- Coastal areas where monarchs overwinter:** Protect and restore overwintering habitat and plant pesticide-free native nectar plants. *Avoid planting milkweed at or near overwintering sites.* (See “Where to Plant Milkweed” on back.)
- Early breeding zone:** Protect and plant pesticide-free early season native milkweed and nectar plants.

Priority #2

- North coast areas where monarchs do not overwinter:** Plant pesticide-free native nectar plants.
- Summer breeding zone:** Identify and protect existing native milkweed and nectar plants. Plant pesticide-free native milkweed and nectar plants.

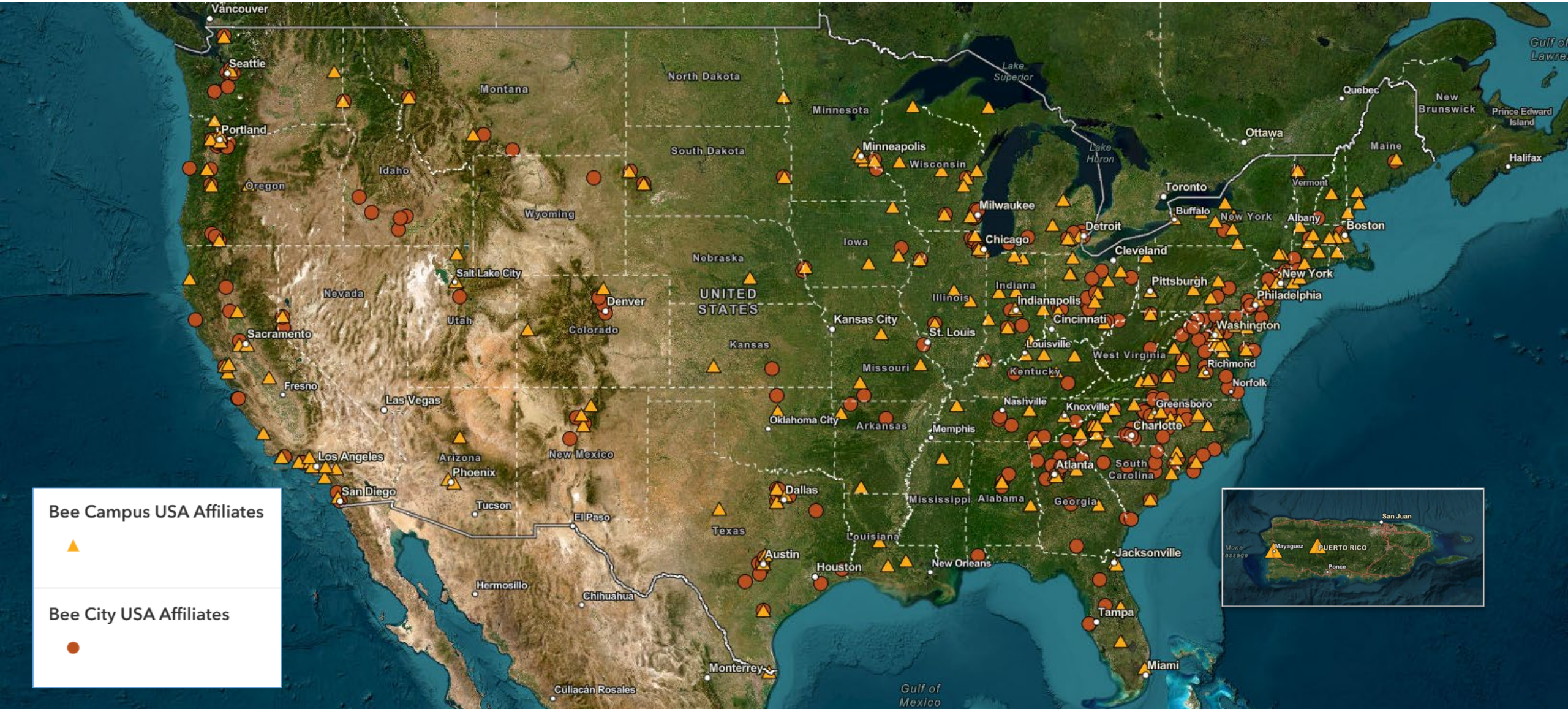


Credit: Top: Jennifer Hopwood. Bottom: Isis Howard - Xerces Society

Monarch Call to Action

1. Plant milkweed for caterpillars
2. Plant nectar for adult butterflies
3. Protect California coastal overwintering sites
4. Reduce/Eliminate pesticide use
5. Join a community science project:
 1. Monarch Nectar Plant Database
 2. Western Monarch Count
 3. Western Monarch Milkweed Mapper
6. Spread the word!

Bee City USA and Bee Campus USA Affiliates



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257

Bee City USA Affiliates

225

Bee Campus USA
Affiliates

482

Total City & Campus
Affiliates

48

States, plus DC and
Puerto Rico



Bee Campus USA Affiliates
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Bee City USA Affiliates
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Western BCUSA Affiliates

- Arizona
- California
- Colorado
- Idaho
- Montana
- Nevada
- New Mexico
- Oregon
- Utah
- Washington
- Wyoming

Utah State University, UT

Bee Campus USA
since 2020

Topic:

Converting to
pollinator safe
habitat



Utah State University, UT

Our campus had several outdated beds with water hungry non-flowering plants. We changed these beds to water-wise native pollinator plants that we produced pesticide free in our greenhouses.



Credit: Bee Campus USA – Utah State University, UT

Sammamish, WA

Bee City USA since
2022

Topic:
Pesticide reduction
signage



Sammamish, WA

Sammamish Public Works Department Streets division installed “No spray signs” in rights-of-way (ROW) throughout the city where they intersect with sensitive areas.

Since management of ROW landscaped areas are contracted out to a landscape company, there were past instances of pesticide application near sensitive areas.

To reduce such instances, these areas are now clearly marked as being no spray zones.



Credit: Francine Sanchez

Redding, CA

Bee City USA since
2017

Topic:
Pollinator
conservation
outreach



Redding, CA

Shasta Environmental Alliance's Earth Day Festival at one of our City's most popular community parks, Caldwell Park.

- 2 representatives from the City handed out Bee City USA brochures and talked with residents about the importance of sustaining our pollinators.
- 50 organizations, groups, and non-profits
- 300 attendees

Credit: Jarret Robertson

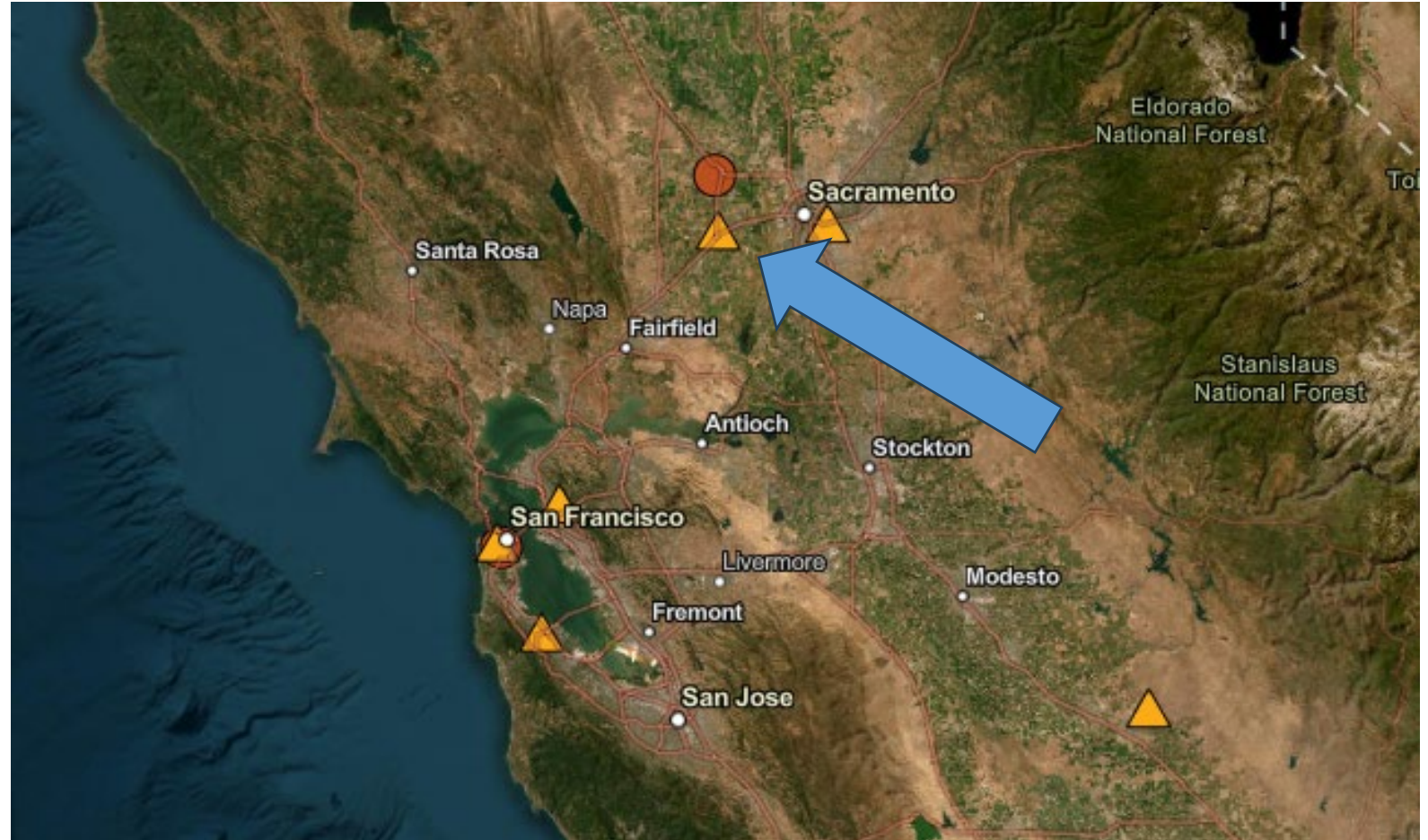


University of California Davis, CA

Bee Campus USA
since 2019

Topic:

A variety of
pollinator habitat
approaches





Credit: Bee Campus USA - University of California Davis, CA

University of California Davis, CA

A NSF grant funded garden was installed in 2025. The Climate Adaptation Living Lab (CALL Garden) is available to researchers studying the impact of climate change on insects.

- For 3 years, the focus is on how different irrigation treatments impact insect herbivory and nectar production for pollinators.

The Student Farm creates and maintains agricultural fields and demonstration gardens to highlight best practices that support pollinator habitat.

The UC Davis Bee Haven maintains and enhance the .6 acre bee garden.

At the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science, the Good Life Garden was planted with pollinator plants to enhance food production.



Credit: Bee Campus USA - University of California Davis, CA

University of California Davis, CA

In the Arboretum and Public Garden, volunteers, students and staff created or enhanced pollinator habitat.

In the Putah Creek Riparian Reserve, Learning by Leading™ teams created and enhanced habitat restoration projects and planted hedgerows that support pollinators.

The Davis Rewilding Society maintained native plant habitat on main campus.

The “Back 40” section of the UC Davis campus is maintained as a California native planting project that continues to be enhanced with native plants and proper maintenance.

Puyallup, WA

Bee City USA since 2016

Topic:

Outreach strategies – in person and remote



Puyallup, WA

Puyallup invited WSU Master Gardeners to educate staff about pollinators and gardening.

The City hung a pollinator banner in centrally located Pioneer Park.

Pollinator display at our local library. Patrons are encouraged to check out pollinator books and received free wildflower packets and a resource guide for planting.

Farmer's Market booth with resources, flower packets, drawings for pollinator prizes and promoting Bee City status.

Credit: Bee City USA - Puyallup, WA



Puyallup, WA



The City communications team included an article in our City e-newsletter about the Bee City designation.

- What that means and what types of community events and volunteer opportunities each year.
- Monthly e-newsletter goes out to 1,800 subscribers and printed quarterly and mailed to residents.

National Pollinator Week: our Recreation Center's Day Camp for children incorporated "Bee Week" into their curriculum. This included planting pollinator wildflower seeds, learning about pollinators, and each received a bee bracelet.

University of Idaho, ID

Bee Campus USA
since 2023

Topic:

Integrated Pest &
Pollinator
Management
(IPPM) strategies



University of Idaho, ID

Policy-level safeguards for pollinators, people, and waterways from pesticide risks through a Integrated Pest & Pollinator Management (IPPM): a preventative, least-toxic approach to pest management, ensuring pesticides are used sparingly and only as a last resort after non-chemical methods have been considered.

Staff applying pesticides on campus are trained and hold a professional applicator license.

The Bee Campus committee introduced a tracking system for all pest control activities via an online GIS database for transparency and record-keeping.



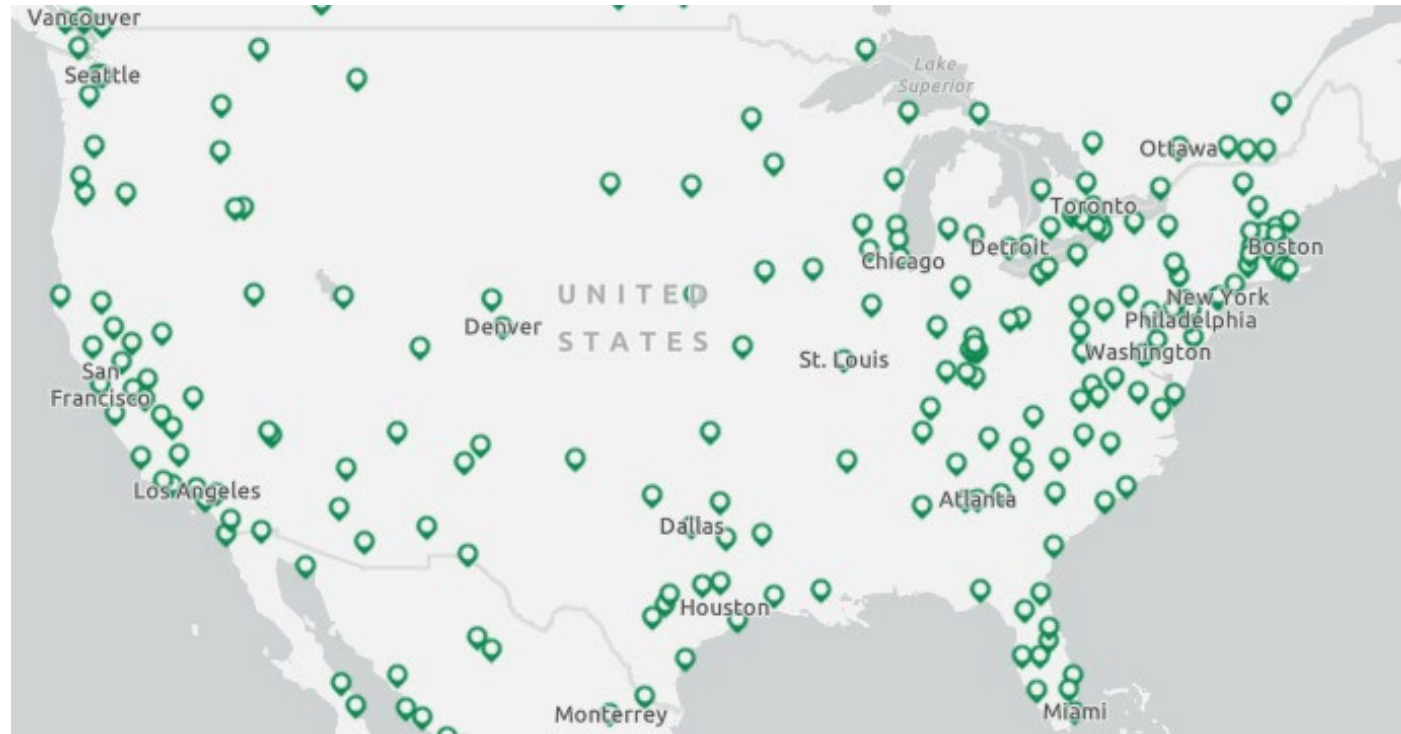
Top: Karl Meyer. Bottom: Garrett Britton

City Nature Challenge Global Bioblitz (CNC)

citynaturechallenge.org

Participate as an individual or group:

- **April 24 – 27:** Make and share observations in iNaturalist
- **April 28 – May 10:** Upload observations and ID others' observations
- **May 13:** Results announced by CNC



2026 Participating Cities



Discussion Time



Top (L to R): Council Bluffs, IA Public Library; Susan Ammons; Bee City USA – Havre de Grace, MD
Bottom: L to R): Bee City USA – Beaumont, TX; Carol Carmons; Bee City USA – Decatur, GA