

Bee City USA - Gillette

Report on 2020

Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

We built and planted a herb and flower bed at our Urban Orchard. Planted and maintained our City Flower plot. We maintained our large herb garden and perennial beds at the North Community Garden. Many Master Gardeners continue to plant Milkweed varieties. One Master Gardener built and gave away Bee/Bug Hotels. We asked our community to take photos of pollinators in their yard and post them along with pollinator counts and planting for pollinators. One of our Master Gardeners has Honey bees and has School Children take tours of her yard each year.



Encouraging our Community to plant varieties that pollinators love.



Kevin and Billy Jo, who won one of the Bee/Bug Hotels in Gillette, WY



One of our Master Gardeners Bee Hive in the back yard.



Education & Outreach

Campbell County Master Gardeners/City Of Gillette Bee City Report Our Bee City projects where much different then we had planned with the restrictions that that were imposed with the virus. But! We love our Pollinators. What did we have planned? We had planned to have a Bee expert from Colorado come to have two classes (one for children and one for adults) and an event at our Urban Orchard. We also had planned on having activities in our 4th of July Parade and at our Garden walk. Planting and maintaining City Garden Plot. We planned on our pollinator counts in the Urban Orchard. We arranged to be at Farmers' Markets, The Home Show, Our Garden Expo (GLEE), Library Talks and a Fall Speaker Series. All in which we would have information, books and speakers that would sharing about our wonderful pollinators. We set up to have our City of Gillette to once again proclaim us as a Bee City. We planned on adding herb/flower beds to the Urban Orchard to invite more pollinators in. We planted and maintained our City Flower plot. What were we able to do? We did purchase an adult size bee suit and were at one of the Farmers Markets in early Spring of the year. The City of Gillette did proclaim Gillette as a Bee City. We did build one raised bed for Herbs and Flowers in the Urban Orchard. The Pollinator Counts were done each month out at the Orchard. Information was available to the public through Social Media, pamphlets and books were at the Extension Office, Questions were answers by phone and social media. We were able to do a few Library talks before restrictions where we always try to have information and talk about our pollinator friends in the garden topics. As we couldn't do any Face to Face pollinator talks we went on our Facebook page and asked our community to post photos of their pollinators in their yards, they also were asked to do count pollinators. This was a success and we put many of the photos up as a banner picture on Facebook. We took photos of pollinators at the Community Gardens that we posted. Some Master Gardens made Bee Hotels that were given away and photos and videos were uploaded. It was an interesting year for all of us but our pollinators were busy doing their jobs as we were able to watch and enjoy.





Master Gardeners at the Farmers' Market talking about Pollinators



Pollinators in Local Gardens in our Community



Sandra and Diane helping to build and plant an Herb and Flower raised bed to bring more pollinators into the Urban Orchard.

Policies & Practices

In our different area we have implemented actions. At the Community Gardens the use is restricted to extreme problems on the perimeters of the garden. Vegetable plots are not allowed any pesticides. No use of pesticides are used by the Master Gardeners in our beds and Urban Orchard Trees. we encourage plants that reduce or repel pests, crop rotation and crop timing. Good watering and plant management. Covering plants when needed.

Integrated Pest Management Plan:

Recommended Native Plant List:

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:





Cabbages and Broccoli plants are covered early and remain under cover throughout the season.

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A photo from 2020 as we were not able to all get together with our many restrictions. We are missing a few of our wonderful Pollinator Team.

