



Bee Campus USA Annual Report for 2018 Pollinator Conservation & Education



Goshen College Goshen, Indiana

EDUCATION & OUTREACH



Pollinator Day, April 18 - For the second year in a row, our food service provider, AVI Fresh, helped us celebrate Pollinator Day by offering foods harvested on campus that depend on pollination by bees from our apiaries. The menu included dandelion cookies made from flowers and honey, battered tempura dandelion flowers with sweet chili sauce, dandelion salad greens (harvested on campus by students), stir-fried bacon and dandelion greens, and honey sugar cookies. About 300 were served. In addition, Jeremy Corson, food service director, has provided full capped honey super frames in the dining hall for fresh honey consumption. This is a daily feature with board meal service and popular among students and staff on campus.

POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT

Two new hives of Carniolan bees with native Michigan queens were added to our existing apiary on the east side of campus in the spring.

POLICIES & PRACTICES

Our Bee Campus committee consists of the sustainability coordinator, a faculty from biology/entomology, the

food services director, director of facilities, grounds supervisor, and student volunteers. Our food services director conducts an annual Pollinator's Day featuring food items that are most closely linked to pollinators, faculty representation informs the committee about pollinator-related classes and student projects. Facilities and grounds representations allows the committee to coordinate student and community educational and service learning projects sustaining native landscaping on campus, or adding/enhancing areas to support pollinators. Student members help generate student interest and involvement in committee activities.

[Recommended Native Plant Species List](#)
[Native Plant Supplier List](#)

SERVICE-LEARNING



In the fall semester, 30 students in the Pollinators in Peril course collected insects and spiders in two different prairie areas on campus (next to the Music Center and next to Newcomer Center) to monitor species changes over the years within a prairie and between older and younger prairies. In addition to the Pollinators in Peril project, about a dozen students (including some from the Ecology and Evolution class) volunteered to help with the bi-annual burning of the prairies.

CURRICULUM

Four classes that include pollinator-related content were offered for credit, with about 110 students total: Ecology and Evolution (3 credits), Pollinators in Peril (4 credits), Zoology (4 credits), and Restoration Ecology (4 credits).

EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE

We did not mount any educational signage about pollinators in 2018.

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Committee: GC Bee Campus Committee

Website: <https://www.goshen.edu/news/2017/05/03/goshen-college-recognized-indianas-rst-bee-campus-usa/>