



Bee City USA Annual Report Pollinator Conservation & Education 2019



Fort Bragg, California

EDUCATION & OUTREACH



Fort Bragg Bee City Committee Sponsored a booth at the community Earth Day event in April, attended by 2000 people.

The Committee worked with Fort Bragg school and organizational gardens, and with gardens in nearby communities Caspar and Mendocino to increase local bee forage. Committee members gave eight public presentations to civic clubs and community groups. An additional lecture entitled “Bee Gardening at Every Size,” sponsored by FBGC, held at Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens, drew close to 60 attendees. In April at Noyo Food Forest’s Earth Day Festival, Bee City USA participated in educational exhibits and, with members of Fort Bragg Garden Club, volunteered at a Bee City USA information table. The City celebrated its 130th birthday in October with a Bee City-themed street party, with bee shaped cookies for visitors to City Hall and a Bee City information booth in front of City Hall which was visited by hundreds of locals interested in how to help the bees.

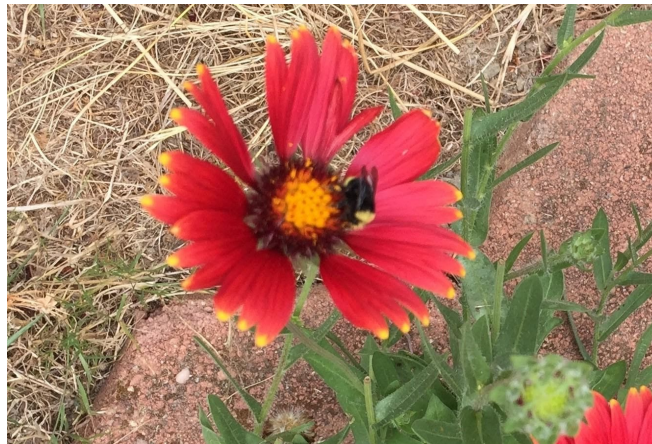
POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT

The committee worked with school gardens and non profit gardens throughout the area to enhance pollinator friendly plantings. The Committee continued efforts in 2019 to develop and maintain Fort Bragg’s Bee Garden at Guest House Park in the center of the city. This ongoing project demands time-consuming gardening efforts, as well as communication and coordination with the Parks and Maintenance department. It also involves finding donations of materials and plants. The first planting at the garden was in the Fall 2017; the next round of planting was Fall 2018. In 2019, preparation to expand the garden was followed by a Spring planting in March 2019 and Fall planting in November 2019. Monthly and seasonal maintenance sessions were attended by members of the Committee and community volunteers.



Volunteers working at the Fall Planting at the Guest House Bee City Garden.

POLICIES & PRACTICES



None of the gardens which the Bee City Committee supports use any pesticides.

The Committee circulated information on OMRI listed products for managing pests.

Recommended Locally Native Plant Species List —
www.beeboldmendocino.org/bee-friendly-plant-guide

Regional Native Plant Supplier List — we germinate our own plants

Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan — not online

CONTACT US!



Committee members Cornelia Reynolds, Peggy Martin and Donna Worster participate in Fort Bragg's 130th Birthday Celebration

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