



Bee City USA Annual Report Pollinator Conservation & Education 2019



Lookout Mountain, Tennessee

EDUCATION & OUTREACH



Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club and Bee City members prepare a site for a new pollinator garden on Lookout Mountain, TN.



Educating children and their parents about Bumble Bees at the Children's Discovery Museum, Chattanooga, TN. during National Pollinator Week.

Bee City USA members worked with various groups to restore pollinator habitat, celebrate National Pollinator Week and educate the residents about native bees and pollinator conservation. The Lookout Mountain Beautiful Garden Club joined Bee City USA to restore and plant a pollinator garden on Stamps Road, Lookout Mountain, TN. Bee City Committee helped Lookout Mountain School Garden Club select native plants and plant their pollinator garden. To celebrate National Pollinator Week, Church of the Good Shepherd invited the community to the “blessing of their pollinator garden.” Pollinator talks were held during Crabtree Farms annual spring plant sale. During National Pollinator Week, Bee City USA sponsored an education forum to educate children and their parents about the importance of Bumble Bees at the Children's Discovery Museum. A Pollinator Festival was held at Reflection Riding Arboretum and Nature Center in the fall to promote Native Bees and pollinator

gardens. The Bee City USA committee was involved in all these projects, especially in the planning and speaking events.



Bee City members gather with garden club members to plant the restored garden area.



Father Robert Childers blesses the Church of Good Shepherd Pollinator Garden to celebrate National Pollinator Week.



Planting the school pollinator garden at Lookout Mountain School.

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POLLINATOR HEALTH & HABITAT



Bees and butterflies love Coneflowers.



Swallowtail on Joe Pye Weed.

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Elderberry trees make a good background for summer blooming Anise Hyssop and Rudbeckia.



Exhibit on trees to plant for spring bees, Master Gardener Garden Expo.

We have warm, dry months in the fall, so drought-tolerant plants that thrive during this season are important to pollinators: Plant *Salvia greggi*, Aromatic Asters, Lantana, Phlox, 'Robert Poore', Climbing Aster (*Ampelaster carolinianus*), and Goldenrod (Showy, Stiff, Fireworks, Bluestem), Reseeding annuals such as Zinnias, Sage, and Sunflowers in late summer provide nectar and pollen for warm fall months.

POLICIES & PRACTICES

There are 4 public pollinator gardens maintained by the committee. These areas are pesticide-free. That includes no spraying of grass around the gardens.

Recommended Locally Native Plant Species List — <https://tnvalleywildones.org/native-plants/>

Regional Native Plant Supplier List — <https://tnvalleywildones.org/native-plants/>

Pollinator Friendly Integrated Pest Management Plan — Under development

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