

About

Welcome to the Utah Pollinator Habitat Project! Pollinators play a vital role in our agricultural industry, local economies, and overall health of surrounding ecosystems. Alarming population declines of local pollinators have highlighted the need to address concerns over the future of pollinators nationwide.

Mission

In a state-wide effort to improve pollinator outlook and boost pollinator populations, Utah has committed to assist in the establishment and enhancement of quality habitat throughout the state.

Vision

The Utah Pollinator Habitat Project has a vision of putting over 90,000 native plants and over 18 million native seed in ground over the next 3 years. Through our habitat kit and seed program, we hope to improve the availability of quality pollinator habitat throughout the state.

How to Participate

Ready-to-plant habitat kits and regionally appropriate seed packets will be granted to qualified participants through our online grant application process. Help support local pollinators by applying today!

- › Yearly 'Open Application Period' varies; see website for calendar updates
- › Questions? Contact Jim Bowcutt (435) 232-4017, jdbowcutt@utah.gov or Mindy Wheeler (385) 235-1062, mindywheeler@utah.gov
- › Please visit our website for more details: www.ag.utah.gov/farmers/conservation-division/pollinator-program/



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Utah Pollinator Habitat Program



Increasing pollinator habitat in Utah through a cooperative effort to provide native plants and seeds to qualified projects throughout the state

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A Successful Future

To help secure the future of Utah's pollinators, we are taking immediate action towards improving available habitat throughout the state. This project has been made possible with funding through UT HB 224: Pollinator Amendments (2021). Together we can make a difference!



Supporting Utah Projects

Qualified applicants will be awarded regional habitat kits and seed packets appropriate for their location and need. Number of kits may vary depending on the size and potential of the proposed project.

Plant Species Available

Plant species may vary based on yearly availability and regional needs

Target Upland Species:

Blanket flower (*Gaillardia aristata*), Desert 4 o'clock (*Mirabilis multiflora*), Desert globemallow (*Sphaeralcea ambigua*), Desert marigold (*Baileya multiradiata*), Dusty penstemon (*Penstemon comarrhenus*), Fernbush (*Chamaebatiaria millefolium*), Fire chalice (*Zauschneria garrettii*), Firecracker penstemon (*Penstemon eatonii*), Gooseberry leaf globemallow (*Sphaeralcea grossulariifolia*), Great Basin wildrye (*Elymus cinereus*), Horsetail milkweed (*Asclepis subverticillata*), Indian ricegrass (*Oryzopsis hymenoides*), Little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), One flower sunflower (*Helianthella uniflora*), Palmer's penstemon (*Penstemon palmeri*), Rocky Mountain penstemon (*Penstemon strictus*), Showy goldeneye (*Heliomeris multiflora*), Side oats grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*), Sulphur flower buckwheat (*Eriogonum umbellatum*), Thicket leaf penstemon (*Penstemon pachyphyllus*), Utah sweetvetch (*Hedysarum boreale*)

Target Wetland Species:

Alkali sacaton (*Sporobolus airoides*), Blue vervain (*Verbena hastata*), Copper weed (*Oxytenia acerosa*), Field sedge (*Carex praegracilis*), Goldenrod (*Solidago canadensis*), Joe Pye weed (*Eutrochium maculatum*), Nuttall's sunflower (*Helianthus nuttallii*), Rough bugleweed (*Lycopus asper*), Saltmarsh fleabane (*Pluchea odorata*), Showy milkweed (*Asclepias speciosa*), Sneezeweed (*Helenium autumnale*), Swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*), Tall evening primrose (*Oenothera elata*), Water groundsel (*Senecio hydrophilus*), White heather aster (*Aster ericoides*), Yerba mansa (*Anemopsis californica*)

Seed Packets

Requests for seed packets can be made on the website or through direct contact with project leads. Packets will be distributed based on regional need and project potential. Seeds may be a combination of native annual and perennial species. Contents subject to availability.



Local Partnerships

We have partnered with several local nurseries and organizations to acquire and grow native plant species that provide the most desirable, high quality resources available to pollinators! Many of our grow-out species are difficult to otherwise source and obtain, which makes our program unique.



Establish & Enhance

Whether you are planning to create new habitat or enhance existing habitat, we are happy to help provide the native plants you need to make your project a success! Additional planting resources will be available to awarded applicants.