The Monarchs and More
Network Meeting

Event Agenda

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5**

1:00PM-5:00PM
[Previous Registration Required] Field Trip
Participants could register for either an on-site tour of the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center from 3:30 – 5:00 or an off-site tour of different cultural and natural pollinator habitat sites around Austin from 1:00 – 5:00.

5:00PM-7:00PM
Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
A welcome reception.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6**

All events will take place at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

8:00AM-9:00AM
Registration
Courtyard

9:00AM-9:55AM
Welcoming Remarks
Auditorium

9:00AM-9:15AM
Welcome from Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center
Lee Clippard

9:15AM-9:55AM
Host Opening Remarks
Wendy Caldwell, MJV
Matt Mulica, FFM
Iris Caldwell, ROWHWG

9:55AM-11:15AM
Panel Presentation
Interagency Pollinator Collaboration
Nicole Alt, USFWS
Stephanie Hertz, DOD
Mike Rizo, USFS
Juan Botero, DOE
Gillian O’Doherty, USDOT/FHWA
Ed Henry, NRCS
Casey Burns, BLM
Auditorium

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 (cont.)

All events will take place at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

11:15AM-11:30AM  
BREAK

11:30AM-11:45AM  
Guest Speaker  
Wayne Thogmartin, USGS  
Auditorium

11:45AM-11:55AM  
Guest Speaker  
Jeff Merkley, U.S. Senator  
Auditorium

11:55PM-12:10PM  
Lightning Talks  
Deborah January-Bevers, Houston Wilderness  
Sam Glinsky, Texas DOT  
Auditorium

12:10PM-1:10PM  
LUNCH

1:10PM-2:40PM  
Breakout Session 1  
Regional Breakout Session  
See “Breakout Sessions” page

2:40PM-2:55PM  
BREAK

2:55PM-4:25PM  
Breakout Session 2  
See “Breakout Sessions” page

4:35PM-5:15PM  
Lightning Talks  
Chris Stein, NPS  
Emily May, Xerces Society  
Chris Taliga, NRCS  
Emily Geest, Oklahoma City Zoo  
Wes Fleming, Evergy  
Auditorium

5:15PM-5:35PM  
Awards Ceremony  
Auditorium

5:35PM-5:40PM  
Closing/Wrap-Up  
Auditorium

5:40PM-7:10PM  
Reception  
Great Hall
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THURSDAY, MARCH 7
All events will take place at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

8:00AM-8:30AM
Registration and Networking
Courtyard

8:30AM-8:50AM
Welcoming Remarks
Auditorium

8:50AM-10:00AM
Lightning Talks
Steve Letkowski, PSE&G
Victoria Woodhouse, Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF)
Schyler Rhea, Wildlife Habitat Federation (WHF)
Chad Boeckman, Corteva
Kelvin Limbrick, ComEd
Kristen Baum, Monarch Watch
Sara Ressing, Wild Ones
Andy Grinstead, Pollinator Partnership
Julia Michaels, Hedgerow Farms/NativeSeed Group

10:00AM-10:25 AM
Break

10:25AM-11:15AM
Panel Presentation
Measuring Success
Amy Golden, Virginia DOT
Jessica Fox, EPRI
Crystal Boyd, NFWF
Ryan White, SnapLands
Alyssa Taylor, MJV

11:15AM-12:00PM
Panel Presentation
Cross-Sector Collaboration
Amy Snelgrove, Texan by Nature
Tim Fredricks, Bayer Crop Science
Tony Tipton, NiSource/Columbia Gas
Elsa Gallagher, Bee & Butterfly Habitat Fund

12:00PM-1:15PM
LUNCH

1:15PM-2:45PM
Breakout Session 3
See“Breakout Sessions” page

2:45PM-3:05PM
Wrap-Up/Group Reflections
Auditorium

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Breakout Sessions

BREAKOUT SESSION 1
Regional Breakout Sessions
Discuss current and relevant topics with partners from your region.

**Midwest:** Orgs from IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, WI
  Auditorium

**West:** Orgs from AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, WY
  Classroom

**South:** Orgs from AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, MO, NC, OK, SC, TN, TX, VA, WV
  Great Hall

**Northeast:** Orgs from CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, VA, WV, DC
  Library

BREAKOUT SESSION 2
State of the Science
Adam Baker, Davey Institute
Karen Klinger, Field Museum
Heidi Hartmann, Argonne National Laboratory
Robert Coulson et al., Texas A&M
Erin Posthumus, National Phenology Network
Jay Diffendorfer, US Geological Society
Auditorium

This session will introduce several research topics informing monarch and pollinator conservation. Each presentation will discuss their approaches and findings with time for discussion. Attendees will come away with a better understanding of current scientific research and applications for their conservation approaches.
BREAKOUT SESSION 2 (cont.)

Partnering with Federal Agencies for Pollinator Conservation

Great Hall
This session will continue themes from the panel discussion with federal agencies. Attendees will have the opportunity to discuss federal programs, current agency partnerships, and future collaborations.

Community Conservation Workshop
Haley Diem, Sand County Foundation
Aster Hasle, Field Museum
Isis Howard, Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation
Dave Hunter, Crown Bees

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All hands on deck for monarch and pollinator conservation requires widespread engagement efforts across diverse audiences and communities. Share about your community engagement initiatives, such as engaging new audiences, adopting programs or practices, planning events, and more. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a collaborative exchange of ideas and resources for community engagement and will come away with inspiration for implementing lessons learned.

Bumble Bee Agreement on ROWs Workshop

Classroom
This session will equip ROW organizations with the tools to evaluate their enrollment into the At-Risk Bumble Bee Agreement. Attendees of this session will learn more about the agreement, what is required to participate, alignment with the Monarch CCAA, and how to begin preparing for enrollment.
**Breakout Sessions**

**Breakout Session 3**

**Pollinator Plantings on Agricultural Working Lands**
- Brittany Smith, Monarch Joint Venture
- Anthony Falk, Texas Native Seeds
- Jack Pizzo, Monarch Haven
- Elsa Gallagher, Bee and Butterfly Habitat Fund
- Josette Lewis, Almond Board of California
- Wes Fleming, Evergy

*Great Hall*

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**Technology Innovations in Conservation**
- Susan Dunlap, Aerulean Plant Identification Systems
- Ashley Bennett, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)
- Greg Emerick, Simple Business Automation (SBA)
- Erica Christiansen, Stantec
- Sam Cloete, Kannar Earth Science Ltd.

*Great Hall*

Learn about recent technological innovations helping to improve conservation monitoring, evaluation, and effectiveness. Attendees will have the opportunity to discuss how advances in remote sensing and other technologies and platforms can be expanded to improve their measurements of success.

**Expanding the Rights-of-Way Geospatial Habitat Database**

*Classroom*

This session will continue the conversation about the Rights-of-Way as Habitat Working Group’s Geospatial Habitat Database for energy and transportation lands and explore current uses, challenges, and potential next steps for expanding the database capabilities.
BREAKOUT SESSION 3 (cont.)
Professional Skills Sharing Workshop

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Learning from within our community builds partnership and strengthens our cohesive conservation approach. Learn from other network stakeholders about fund development, tracking and evaluating programs, communications, or other areas of interest to the group. Attendees will have the opportunity to discuss their own successes and challenges in a group environment.
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