Arkansas and Oklahoma Workshop on Native Pollinators
Fort Smith Convention Center
Room 5
55 South 7th Street
Fort Smith, AR
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Sponsored by:
National Association of State Conservation Agencies
Native Pollinators in Agriculture Project
Arkansas Natural Resources Commission
Oklahoma Conservation Commission

Workshop Objectives:
• Build state agency awareness and support for habitat restoration/development work
• Encourage partner agencies to manage for pollinator habitat enhancement along with other objectives
• Recruit champions
• Seek to form ad hoc state pollinator committees where multiple agencies could meet to collaborate on native pollinator initiatives

Agenda

9:30 a.m. Welcome and Objectives
Randy Young, Arkansas Natural Resources Commission
Mike Thralls, Oklahoma Conservation Commission

Opening Remarks
Andrew Wargo III, Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts
Clay Pope, Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts

9:45 a.m. Introduction to the Native Pollinators in Agriculture Project
Rudy Rice, Project Chair

10:00 a.m. Arkansas Programs for Pollinators
Alayna Jacobs, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

10:45 a.m. Break
11:00 a.m.  Win-Win Strategies: Integrating Native Pollinators into Conservation and Land Management Practices
Jennifer Hopwood, Xerces Society

12:00 p.m.  Colony Collapse Disorder—an Update
Aman Minick, Arkansas State Plant Board

12:30 p.m.  Working Lunch

Opportunities for Inter-agency Collaboration
Agency updates and discussion among workshop participants
Facilitated by Rudy Rice, Native Pollinators in Agriculture Project

Next Steps
Discussion to identify ways to work together going forward

1:30 p.m.  Depart for Field Tour: Janet Huckabee Arkansas River Valley Nature Center

3:00 p.m.  Workshop Adjourns