



Arkansas and Oklahoma Workshop on Native Pollinators

Fort Smith Convention Center

Room 5

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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**