



## **Arkansas and Oklahoma Workshop on Native Pollinators**

Fort Smith Convention Center

Room 5

55 South 7<sup>th</sup> 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**