

# Pollinator Program Update



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# Pollinator Program Background

- In the 2021 General Session H.B. 224 created the Pollinator pilot program.
  - \$70,000 for three years to UDAF to develop a program that did one of the following:
    - The development of public education efforts that include workshops, planting guides, or a public education campaign to raise awareness about creating pollinator habitat.
    - Distribution of pollinator-friendly native flowering plants or seeds for native flowering plants for planting within the state to protect a diversity of pollinators.
    - Pollinator programs run by local governments and nonprofits with support of UDAF
    - Grants



# The Utah Pollinator Partnership was Created

- Representation from:
- Utah Department of Agriculture and food (Plant Industry, Conservation Division)
- Utah State University
- Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
- Utah Department of Natural Resources
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Southern Utah University

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## Utah Pollinator Habitat Program




**UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM**

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# Information and Education Campaign

Facebook browser window showing the Utah Pollinator Habitat Program Group Page.

**Page Header:** Utah Pollinator Habitat Program Group Page

**About:** Welcome to the Utah Pollinator Habitat Program Group Page! We are on a mission to increase pollinator habitat in Utah through a cooperative effort. [See more](#)

**Public:** Anyone can see group content and who follows the group.

**Visible:** Anyone can find this group.

**Utah:** [Learn more](#)

**Image:** A photograph of a wooden fence in a field, with a sign attached to it that reads "UTAH POLLINATOR HABITAT PROGRAM".

**Footer:** UDAF logo (100 YEARS 1912-2022) and Windows taskbar.

# Plant Distribution Program

- Seeds for native pollinator plants were obtained, and some was grown in greenhouses.
- Applications were received for those plants and seed July 1<sup>st</sup>-July 31<sup>st</sup> , 2022.
- 326 applications were received for those plants. 110 applicants received bareroot plants (120,000 plants), 165 received seed packets to cover the acreage applied for.
- Signage was distributed to individuals planting pollinator plants.





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## Deja Mitchell

*“Photos from pick up and planting day! We had a small team of friends help put everything in. The next couple days we got everything hooked up to drip line. ..the next few days of rain was nice! Most things are taking off well! It's so exciting to watch them in their new home and see the pollinators already finding them 😊  
Thank you so much to everyone who has given energy to this program and is helping our Utah pollinator habitat!!”*





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## Becky Yeager

*"Firefly Park is a nature park in Nibley, Utah. It is home to fireflies and breeding monarchs. The community and I have been working on a more formal pollinator garden for the past 4 years that was designed by a dear friend who left a legacy in our garden and it's teaching opportunities. I could not be more thrilled to finally have a NATIVE pollinator habitat and educational bee habitat at the park, directly across from our existing garden. Bringing biological diversity and more educational opportunities to our community thanks to the Utah Pollinator Habitat Program and Nibley City!"*





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Kelly Keighley Bradbury

*“Bear River Land Conservancy volunteers and the USU student SER chapter are working together to enhance pollinator habitat at BRLC's Mendon Meadows Preserve! We are grateful for this opportunity, and all the work that went in to creating this program, and for the rain last week! Still much tending to do and seeds to plant, but so far, everything is doing well!”*



# Moving Forward

- Native Pollinator Habitat Plant Program will continue in 2023. Applications for plants and seeds will run May 1<sup>st</sup> through June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Growing and collecting species conducive to Southern Utah will be area of focus in 2023.
- Additional information material currently being produced including packets with information and seed mixes. This will be distributed at various venues around the state.
- Website and social media accounts will continue to be maintained and updated.



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