



## Pollinator Partners Program

The Pollinator Partners Program (PPP) supports the creation of pollinator friendly habitat in New Mexico to enhance and regenerate the ecological, agricultural, economic and cultural health, vitality and well-being of people, pollinators and places. We focus on supporting educational outreach through gardening, land stewardship, and beekeeping with presentations, film events, age-appropriate dialogue, and web-based resources to support school and community-based projects.

The Pollinator Partners Program shares the story of the honeybees and other pollinators with communities around New Mexico so citizens and especially farmers, beekeepers, backyard, school and community gardeners, and public land managers can become aware of the plight of the honeybee and other pollinators. By developing awareness, these stakeholders can engage their communities to be proactive in promoting biodiversity, pesticide-free land stewardship, and the creation of a healthy and vital sustainable agricultural food system. In order to build appreciation and care for pollinators, PPP provides outreach to children and youth through FTT's Farm to School educational activities by teaching them how to create healthy garden environments that are beneficial to insects and plants while encouraging libraries and others to highlight pollinators through their out-of-school and after school activities.

This fall, the Pollinator Partners Program will be designing and facilitating five "train-the-trainer" workshops for Nirvana Manana grant recipients and other allied organizations in the communities of Truth or Consequences, Las Cruces, Grant County, Espanola and Taos and Zuni Pueblo. These "train-the-trainer" workshops will provide pollinator training to over sixteen different groups in underserved communities in New Mexico to enhance school and community gardening projects.

Tell us about the pollinator habitat you have created! If you have planted a pollinator garden or habitat in your yard, farm, community garden or other public space, please let us know what you are doing by sending your stories and photos to us. We are in the process of developing a new website. And if you are interested in promoting pollinators in your organization, business, school, neighborhood or community, you can contact Loretta McGrath at [loremcgrath@gmail.com](mailto:loremcgrath@gmail.com) for more information and resources. Donations to the Pollinator Partners Program can be made to Farm to Table @ [www.farmtotablenm.org](http://www.farmtotablenm.org).