



UTAH POLLINATOR PURSUIT

COMMUNITY SCIENTIST VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION

Goal: To record sightings of rapidly declining pollinator species (including monarch butterflies and bumble bees) in Utah.

Purpose: To answer questions about pollinators and their habitats that are crucial for conservation planning, supporting efforts to increase population numbers in species that are facing massive declines.

Major Responsibilities:

- Attend our Utah Pollinator Pursuit training on Saturday, May 4, 2024 or watch recorded training materials.
- Download and use the iNaturalist app to submit data including photos.
- Record sightings of rapidly declining pollinator species (including monarchs and bumble bees) in Utah.

Time Commitment: Volunteers can attend or watch an hour and a half long training at the beginning of the season. Time commitment throughout the season is determined by the volunteer.

- **Pollinator Habitat Improvement Projects** will require more time commitment, as volunteers will be doing day-long habitat restoration work outdoors. Projects take 5 hours on average.
- **Opportunistic Surveys** require less time commitment, as volunteers can record pollinator sightings as little or as often as they wish. You can choose to record sightings in your garden or neighborhood, on hikes, on your property, or anywhere you see pollinator species across Utah. **Join the Utah Pollinator Pursuit project on iNaturalist:**





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Benefits to Volunteer:

- Support conservation of critical pollinator species like monarch butterflies and western bumble bees
- Connect with and learn about local ecosystems in a unique, meaningful way
- Gain experience in community science
- Learn how to identify monarchs, multiple bumble bee species, other pollinators, and various milkweed species in local region
- Connect with local scientists, conservation experts, and fellow pollinator enthusiasts
- Be part of a greater cause
- Can set own level of commitment

Resources:

For current volunteer resources, visit sagelandcollab.org/plants-pollinators.org or utahpollinatorpursuit.org/resources

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