



Center for Pollinator Conservation

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

***Conserving pollinators with you and
for everyone since 2022.***

In 2025, collaboration was our cornerstone. Through advancing practical, science-based solutions and strong progressive partnerships we helped pollinators and the habitats they need. We expanded knowledge on our refuges to improve safety and efficiency and updated shared tools to put better information in more hands.

Through the building of tribal relations, partnering with the energy industry and coordination with the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, we aligned efforts across agencies and sectors. We also improved transparency in the distribution of funds and advanced the nation-wide Pollinator Action Plan.

— Nicole Alt, Director

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The Center for Pollinator Conservation focuses on advancing applied science, collaboration and strategic engagement for at-risk pollinators and their habitats, amplifying conservation benefits for other priority species and associated social-economic outcomes.

ACHIEVEMENTS

+50% partnership growth AND +200% since inception

SECURED: Priority partnerships that directly supports the administration's priority to facilitate energy production and delivery while conserving listed and at-risk species.

ENHANCED: Partner voluntary actions that increase habitat to sustain pollinators and other wildlife populations.

INFLUENCED: Direct actions taken that protect or enhance habitat through conservation agreements or applied sustainable land-use practices.

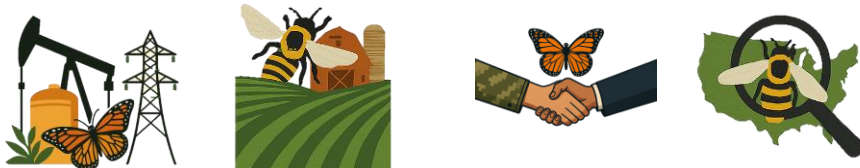


The center was recognized at the 2025 North American Monarch Summit, receiving the Data Champion Award for shaping collaborative pollinator science and monitoring efforts.



ACHIEVEMENTS

The Center is committed to delivering strategies that ensures connecting pollinator conservation efforts in collaboration with states, tribes, industry and others.



Throughout the year Center staff participated in variety of energy and farm field visits. These opportunities with American Petroleum Institute, Shell Company, the National Alliance of Independent Crop Consultants and the Weed Science Society of America shared how their operations are benefiting pollinators and providing the energy that powers our economy and the food at our tables.

The Center was invited to the American Farm Bureau Federation's Annual Convention to discuss the proposed rule to list the monarch butterfly as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the vital role America's ranchers and farmers play in protecting and enhancing monarch and pollinator populations. This was the first time any agency representative attended this coveted event, align national security priorities with conservation initiatives.





Joint efforts with Department of War align national security priorities with conservation actions. Pollinator surveys were carried out at 49 Department of War facilities, demonstrating how several installations manage to balance training requirements with pollinator conservation as part of their frontline efforts.

Providing the LEADERSHIP to increase POLLINATOR HABITAT

through implementing the POLLINATOR ACTION PLAN

A new approach to collaboration, fostering partnerships to address broad community challenges through shared solutions.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Conservation Fund announced \$9.4 million, with matching contributions, for 10 projects to improve habitat for pollinators. Collectively, it is expected that the projects will:

-  Restore and enhance more than **14,000 acres** of pollinator habitat
-  Collect more than **70 pounds** of milkweed seed
-  Propagate more than **50,000 milkweed seedlings**
-  Host more than **230 workshops and meetings** that advance pollinator conservation





INVENTORY AND MONITORING ON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

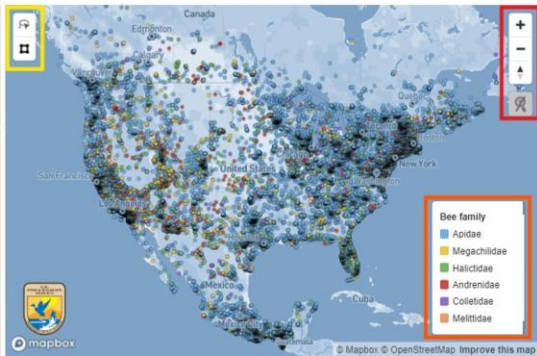
The Natural Resource Program Center staff serve as refuge system liaisons to the Center and, together, identify opportunities for collaboration, strategic alignment and cross-programmatic project support. Surveys of pollinators and their habitat were implemented on approximately 75 national wildlife refuges and wetland management districts. Projects included establishing baseline inventories in previously un-surveyed locations, evaluating the efficacy of habitat restoration and management techniques, assessing the impact of agricultural pesticides on refuge pollinators and habitat, advancing innovative technology like environmental DNA and AI image recognition and more. [Learn more about refuge pollinator projects.](#)





Distribution of FY2025 Funds

-  \$800k in capacity
-  \$300k in innovation and science investment
-  \$750k for on-the-ground projects through National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
-  \$1.15M is awaiting spend plan approval, additional projects and investments anticipated



The [North American Bee Tool](#) was expanded to ease filtering for exploring geospatial data for bee occurrence records across the United States, Canada and Mexico.

ACHIEVEMENTS

In California's Central Valley, key tribal, state, federal and private partners formed the San Joaquin Western Monarch Collaborative in 2024 to deliver monarch habitat restoration with a focus on rapid expansion of native seed and plant material production and availability to support resilient agriculture. In 2025, the collaborative developed the San Joaquin Valley



Monarch Conservation Strategy and the two-year work plan to guide and track project implementation, encourage strategic collaboration, and to increase and harness the capacity of the partnership.



COMMITMENTS TO PEOPLE AND POLLINATORS

- **EXPAND** our connections and engagement including pollinator habitat as co-benefits other conservation effort
- **ACCELERATE** habitat for pollinators in collaboration with industry and other partners
- **INVEST** in science and information needs of states and our partners while advancing technology and innovation

Thank you to our partners and communities for helping us deliver lasting pollinator and other wildlife conservation results.

