

Bee City USA - Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

Report on 2021

Pollinator Habitat Creation & Enhancement

Staff and volunteers collected 17 pounds of native seeds from Huffman Prairie. The seeds are redistributed throughout natural areas to aid in the restoration and enhancement of this 112+ acre native habitat. In 2021 we removed 16+ acres of invasive species and planted approximately 60+ acres of native pollinator habitat in areas previously mowed. 5 Monarch Waystations are continuously maintained and enhanced on the installation. We conduct an annual prescribed burn on Huffman Prairie (approximately 1/4 per year) to assist in controlling invasive species and to improve the biodiversity of native plants.



Huffman Prairie State Natural Landmark



One of several monarch habitats at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base



A successful monarch habitat at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

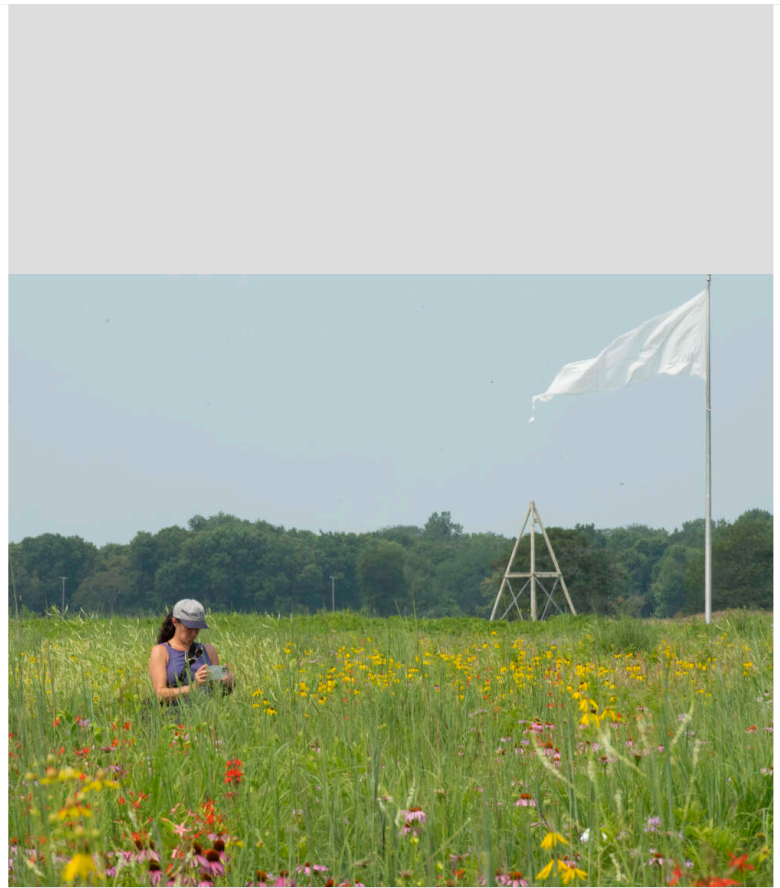
Education & Outreach

The Wright-Patterson AFB environmental office hosted a guided prairie walk of Huffman Prairie State Natural Landmark in July. The public joined us for an informational walk to learn about the unique plant species and the many pollinators that call the prairie home. This event was attended by approximately 50 people. The Wright-Patterson Air Force Base environmental office hosted an outreach event at the base youth center in celebration of pollinator week. 25 children received a presentation about pollinators, and the children made their own native "seed bombs" to take home. The children were taught about the importance of native habitats in the support of declining pollinator populations.





A High School student help youth center children make native seed bombs



A Prairie Walk participant photographs a hummingbird in wildflowers

Policies & Practices

We actively avoid the use of pesticides and herbicides in and around pollinator habitat (except in targeted instances to control invasive species). We trap and relocate feral bee swarms. This program has seen continued success over the last several years. We work closely with the installation's Public Affairs office to help educate the general public and base populace about the need to help sustain and protect pollinator populations...at home and on the installation.

Integrated Pest Management Plan:



Recommended Native Plant List:

Recommended Native Plant Supplier List:

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Some of WPAFB's Pollinator Committee Members

