

Grow almonds? Interested in Pollinator Habitat? Sign up here for free plants and seed!

Help Bees and Butterflies by Enhancing Habitat Near Your Almonds

Pollinator Partnership is expanding habitat efforts through the Monarch Wings Across California (MWAC) program to enhance habitat for all pollinators, including honey bees, native bees and the western monarch butterfly. Narrow, odd shaped, or other unused strips of land next to orchards, roads, levees, structures, etc. work well.



We are looking for qualified almond growers who are willing to create native habitat for pollinators by installing native hedgerows and wildflowers.



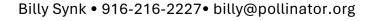
Participants will receive:

- Plants
 - Native Perennial Hedgerow
- Seed
 - Native Wildflower Mix
- Habitat Implementation Site Plan
- Site selection consultation/visitation
- Access to expert staff dedicated to help throughout the process

Participants will be responsible for:

- Costs associated with weed control, soil preparation (harrow or shallow disc), installing drip irrigation, labor of planting seed/plants
- Maintaining open communication with staff
- Attending 1-3 max. virtual meetings and conduct other administrative tasks like provide site information/maps, review plan drafts, share photos and updates.

If you are interested in supporting monarchs, bees, and biodiversity please contact me by phone or email. If you are not sure you are a good candidate, please reach out anyhow. I may be able to help!





Benefits of Permanent Pollinator Habitat



Permanent Pollinator Habitat in Practice





Hedgerows are planted outside of, but close to, orchards as seen in the photos. These plants are the appropriate size for being about 12 months old.

Benefits

- Increases the vigor, health, and size of honey and native bee colonies
 - The presence of native bees increase the efficacy and pollination potential of honey bees
- Hedgerows support populations of beneficial insects by naturally controlling pests which is integral to Integrated Pest Management (IPM)



Additional Habitat Benefits

- Increased organic matter
- · Decreased erosion
- Decreased wind speed
- Increased water infiltration
- Carbon sequestration
- Decreased dust

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