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Pollinator Habitat 101 : An Introduction and Refresher



An Edward's Hairstreak and Monarch caterpillar both enjoying a milkweed plant.

The [Ohio State University Bee Lab](#) is hosting a series of online classes for anyone interested in planting some pollinator habitat. The webinars are free though registration is required to join them live on Fridays at 9 am central time between October 14th and November 11th. It's a great lineup of speakers and a good opportunity to learn, especially if you're a beginner!

• **10/14: Doug Tallamy, University of Delaware**

Pollinators' Best Hope: A New Approach to Pollinator Habitat That Starts in Your Yard

• **10/21: Harland Patch, Penn State University**

Creating Pollinator Gardens: the Role of Plant Choice and Design

• **10/28: Heather Holm, Author and Biologist**

Creating and Managing Habitat for Native Bees

• **11/4: Matthew Shepherd, The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation**

Deciding To Create A Pollinator Garden Is The Easy Step — What To Do Next?

• **11/11: Shana Byrd, The Dawes Arboretum**

Getting Started with Wildflower Patches, Flower Strips, and Meadows

Each session will last approximately 60 minutes plus questions.

You can find more information and how to register on the [OSU Bee Lab webpage](#) linked below!

[Learn More >](#)

You can find some Iowa specific pollinator habitat resources on the [DNR's Pollinator Webpage!](#)

Happy Planting!

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Don't forget to log your habitat! If you've recently planted or plan to plant habitat that benefits Monarch butterflies, we'd like to know! The [Iowa Monarch Consortium](#) is working to conserve the Monarch butterfly in Iowa by encouraging the planting of a million acres of Monarch habitat, including 160 million milkweeds! The app is available as a free download on [iOS](#) and [Android](#) devices from the App Store by

searching "HabiTally monarchs".

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