

Colorado Pollinator Summit 2016

Attendee Guide to Breakout Sessions

Vision, mission and goals for the overall summit

Vision:

Colorado will be a model state for collaboration on the protection of pollinators and their habitat.

Mission:

The Colorado Pollinator Summit will create a network of collaborative organizations that will work together to conserve, protect and create pollinator habitat while educating communities across the state of Colorado to protect all pollinators.

Purpose:

This summit will allow for organizations, agencies and people involved in pollinator protection and conservation to join together to make a significant impact on the health of all Colorado pollinators. By sharing best practices, resources and knowledge and promoting collaborations between organizations across Colorado we will be able to more effectively support education of communities, conservation and restoration of existing habitats, creation of new habitats and research on native and introduced pollinators in the state of Colorado.

Goals

- Launch a statewide pollinator network (community calendar, working groups).
- Foster collaboration on pollinator projects by sharing information about current efforts and creating momentum as a unified group to make more of an impact.
- Advocate for change at institutional and public levels, cultivating fundraising, promoting research, forming relationships and improved communications.

Ground Rules

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We ask attendees to do the following:

- Listen fully to understand
- Be civil
- Participate; share the floor; be concise
- Look for ways to address not only your own interests but those of others as well.

- Look ahead—acknowledge the past but don't rehash it
- Be explicit and factual—ask for clarification if confused
- Let expertise fuel, not constrain, creativity (“beginner’s mind”)
- Disclose personal interests
- Be positive

Breakout Sessions: Topics and Questions

10:40-11:25 am

BREAKOUT SESSION 1: Programs and Activities (5 concurrent groups)

- Pollinator Habitat: Urban/Residential/Suburban - *Amy Yarger* [Hummingbird Room C120C]
- Pollinator Habitat: Agriculture and Open Space – *Tracy Halward* [Butterfly Room S228]
- Education – Schools/Higher Ed – *Becky Dickson* [Moth Room S125]
- Community Outreach and Engagement – *Polly Andrews* [Beetle Room N128]
- Public Policy and Advocacy – *Louise Chawla* [Ant Room N129]

Session 1 QUESTIONS:

1. What is working well and where are the greatest successes?
2. What are the barriers to protecting pollinators?
3. What does your organization/agency most need to be successful?
4. Can you identify and agree on 5 great ideas that have the best chance of success to protect pollinators?

11:35-12:20pm

BREAKOUT SESSION 2: Collaboration Strategies and Opportunities (5 concurrent groups)

- Fundraising and Resource Development – *Kimberly Rickards* [Hummingbird Room C120C]
- Communications – *Jessica Goldstrohm* [Butterfly Room S228]
- Research/Science – *Michele Colopy* [Moth Room S125]
- Community Engagement – *Cathy Regan* [Beetle Room N128]
- Collaborating on projects/programs - *Mary Ann Colley* [Ant Room N129]

Session 2 QUESTIONS:

1. What are the opportunities for collaboration? Examples of successful collaborations in the pollinator world?
2. What are the barriers to collaboration?
3. How can we best work together between public, nonprofit, academia and other sectors?
4. Can you identify and agree on 5 great ideas that have the best chance of success?

2:00-2:45pm

BREAKOUT SESSION 3: Visioning: Where do we want to go? (5 concurrent groups)

We will have 5 breakout groups answering the same questions unless we hear feedback that people would prefer to meet by sector.

Facilitators:

- *Dr. Denise Hall* [Hummingbird Room C120C]
- *Pamela Sherman* [Butterfly Room S228]
- *Amanda Accamando* [Bee Room CN126]
- *Liz Goehring* [Beetle Room N128]
- *Amy Lewis* [Ant Room N129]

Session 3 QUESTIONS:

1. 5 years from now, what do you want the headlines to be about pollinators in Colorado?
2. What do you want the articles with those headlines to say about how people and organizations in Colorado have helped pollinators?
3. What would those articles say about why there was success?
4. What are three strategies that would get us to that success?

2:55-3:40pm

BREAKOUT SESSION 4: Moving our Work Forward: Making a Plan (4 concurrent groups)

We will possibly (if we have numbers attrition through the day), do this discussion as a whole group process rather than breakouts, but we hope to break into smaller groups that may form the basis for longer term workgroups.

Work Groups

- Leadership team and infrastructure development workgroup – *Mary Ann Colley* [Hummingbird Room C120C]
- Programs workgroup – *Amy Yarger* [Butterfly Room S228]
- Communications workgroup – *Becky Dickson* [Bee Room CN126]
- Public Policy workgroup – *Sue Anderson* [Beetle Room N128]

Session 4 QUESTIONS:

1. What strategies developed in previous sessions pertain to your workgroup?
2. Develop 4-5 action steps for each strategy including possible responsible people/organizations and a proposed timeline.
3. How do you think you can be involved in this work?