



Abstract: You've heard about pollinator decline and the effects that they may have on the environment. Come learn what the Xerces Society is doing to help conserve the buzz in our meadows and natural areas by protecting bumble bees and what you can do to help. Included will be information about bumble bee ecology and life history, as well as ways to manage land and participate in community science projects that will help track and conserve our essential native pollinators.



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[Conserving Bumble Bees: Guidelines for Creating and Managing Habitat for America’s Declining Pollinators](#)



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