

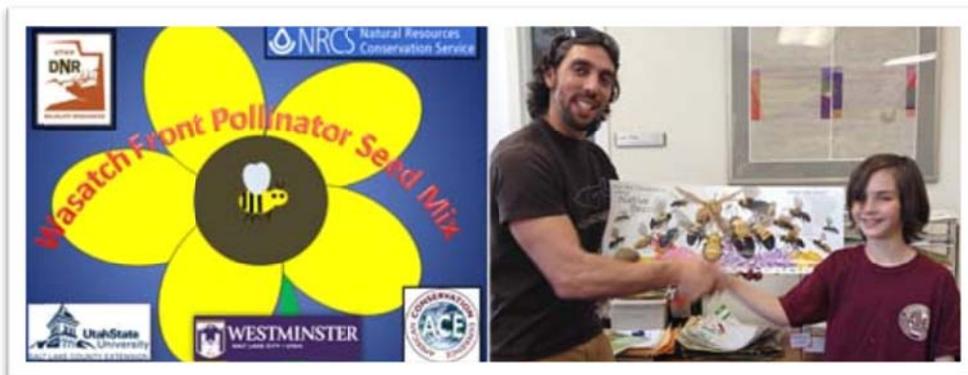
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## POLLINATOR SEED PACKETS AVAILABLE ALONG WASATCH FRONT

NRCS State Biologist Casey Burns coordinated a volunteer effort to make hundreds of packets of native wildflower and grass seed mix designed for homes, gardens, parks, and farms in the Wasatch Front area of Utah. It will provide season-long blooms intended to attract pollinators and other beneficial insects important to crop production this summer. Each packet covers 100 square feet and is suitable for Wasatch Front farms, gardens, and yards.



The seed mix includes common native plants, such as Annual Sunflower, Lewis Flax, two species of Penstemon, Globemallow, Rocky Mountain and Yellow Beeplants, Western Yarrow, Scarlet Gilia, Squirreltail, and Bluebunch Wheatgrass.

Burns said they are looking for volunteer monitors to record monthly which flowers are blooming and in what proportions. He stressed the importance of using native plants, which he said in general attract more beneficial insects and a higher diversity of invertebrate species than non-native plants.

Seed is available for pick up (one packet per household) at NRCS Offices in Provo, Tooele, Ogden, Tremonton, and Logan, and also at the Great Salt Lake Institute at Westminster College in Salt Lake City. Seed is offered until March 31 or until gone. For more information or to volunteer to monitor, contact Casey Burns at [casey.burns@ut.usda.gov](mailto:casey.burns@ut.usda.gov); 801-524-4566.

The seed mix was donated by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources and volunteers with the "Eco Reps" club at Westminster College and American Conservation Experience assembled the seed packets. See the accompanying photos that shows the project sponsors and Casey thanking Nathan Barrow, a local 5<sup>th</sup> grader, one of the volunteers who won a pollinator poster for the most accurate seed packet filler.

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