

Monarch Wings Across California: Almonds



Enhancing Monarch Habitat on Almond Orchards across California

Pollinator Partnership (P2) is expanding conservation 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. In recent years, the western monarch populations have decreased by 90%. This project aims to increase the quantity and quality of habitat and nutritional resources for pollinators, including monarchs.



Supporting Almond Orchards to Establish Pollinator Habitat

We are looking for qualified almond producers who are willing to dedicate land to create native habitat for pollinators.

The participation of producers is vital to the success of monarch and pollinator conservation. Native plant and seed materials will be provided to participating agricultural producers and growers that are committed to supporting monarchs and other pollinators on their landscape.

Recipients of plant and seed materials will receive technical support through in-person site visits and trainings to ensure best practices are used for installation and management, including tips on:

- Site selection
- Ground preparation
- Weed control
- Planting
- Irrigation
- Management
- Use of Integrated Monarch Monitoring Protocols
- Attaining Bee Friendly Farming certification



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The Growers

Growers will be awarded plant material in accordance with their capacity to install and maintain it. Ideal candidates will include those with:

- Land available to convert or enhance as pollinator habitat
- A strong desire to support monarchs and other pollinators
- The ability to maintain open communication with P2 staff
- Access to necessary equipment, such as drill or broadcast seeders and weed control tools
- Willingness to install irrigation to ensure success
- Desire to start preparing the site 6-12 months in advance of the planting date
- Prior experience with planting habitat or cover crops preferable



Additional Habitat Benefits

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



Become a Participating Grower!

If you are interested in supporting monarchs, bees, and biodiversity please contact me by phone or email. Even if you are unsure whether you are a good candidate, feel free to reach out. I may be able to assist you!

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