

Erika Ortigoza Vázquez

State Commissioner of Biodiversity of Hidalgo. She specializes in wildlife preservation and the recovery of endangered species such as the Mexican gray wolf, the California condor, the American bison, and various Mexican felines. She served as General Director of the Comisión Nacional de Áreas Naturales Protegidas (CONANP) and Secretary of Environment and Sustainable Development for the Municipality of Pachuca de Soto in Hidalgo. She currently promotes and encourages the conservation and sustainable use of pollinators through conferences, workshops, and the implementation of pollinator gardens and orchards. She also managed and coordinated the creation of a museum focused on knowledge of pollinators and the forests of Hidalgo.



Shannon Farmer

Master's degree in Environmental Policy and Natural Resource Management from the University of Denver. She is currently the Manager of the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign (NAPPC) at the Pollinator Partnership. She is an expert performer thanks to her experience in climate activism, education, zookeeping, and conservation outreach. Managing NAPPC programs and conferences allows her to leverage her unique talents to connect different partners across multiple communities to discuss pollinator conservation efforts.



Loraine Matias Palafox

PhD in Biological Sciences, she specializes in pollination and reproductive success of Mexico's at-risk and priority native plants at Comisión Nacional para el Conocimiento y Uso de la Biodiversidad (CONABIO), where she works and promotes actions for the conservation and sustainable use of pollinators, collaborating in the creation of national initiatives that promote pollinator conservation such as #Poliniza and Únete al #EfectoPolinizador. She participates in projects in North America and Latin America focused on pollinator conservation.



Silvana Martén Rodríguez

Researcher at Escuela Nacional de Estudios Superiores (ENES), Morelia Unit, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM). She is also a member of the National System of Researchers (SNI), Level I. Her research interests include the ecology and evolution of plant-animal interactions, plant reproductive systems, comparative biology, and plant systematics. She has directed several projects, including: Evolution of Reproductive Traits and Pollination Systems of Gesneriaceae in Mesoamerica and Evolution of Plant Reproductive Strategies on Oceanic Islands.



Cecilia Leonor Jiménez Sierra

Researcher at Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana Iztapalapa Unit. She is also a member of the National System of Researchers (SNI) Level II. She specializes in demography, reproductive biology, and population dynamics of species at risk. She is interested in studying the interactions between plants and their pollinators, as well as in disseminating knowledge in this area to achieve the conservation of native species, including bees.



Erika Arroyo Pérez

Postdoctoral researcher at Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana (UAM), Unit Iztapalapa. She specializes in demography, reproductive biology, and population dynamics of species at risk. She is currently developing research projects on the study of pollinator diversity in wild and urban environments. She has also been actively involved in the creation of pollinator gardens and their promotion, through conferences and workshops, in various social sectors.



Raúl Ortiz Pulido

Researcher at Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Hidalgo (UAEH). His research focuses on the ecology of bird-plant interactions. He studies seed dispersal by birds and the distribution and abundance patterns of hummingbirds based on the abundance and richness of their food resources. He is a member of the National System of Researchers (SNI) Level III. He has led scientists since 1998, where he served as president of the Society for the Study and Conservation of Birds of Mexico and as a representative to the Ornithological Council of America.



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He is a researcher at Instituto de Investigaciones en Ecosistemas y Sustentabilidad (IIES) of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM). He is also a member of the National System of Researchers (SNI) Level III. His current research focuses on the effects of forest fragmentation on pollinators, plant reproductive systems, and the genetic structure of trees in tropical forests, as well as on the ecology and evolution of plant-pollinator/herbivore interactions.



Alberto Enrique Rojas Martínez

Retired researcher from the Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Hidalgo (UAEH). He studies the population ecology of pollinating bats in central Mexico. He specializes in mammal-plant interactions and the population dynamics of plant-mutualistic bats. Member of the National System of Researchers (SNI). He is a scientific collaborator at the Barranca de Metztitlán Biosphere Reserve. He is a member of the Binational Commission (Mexico-USA) for the Conservation of the Greater Long-nosed Bat (*Leptonycteris nivalis*). Collaborator and advisor to the Hidalgo State Biodiversity Commission (COESBIOH).



Israel Lorenzo Fekipe

Agricultural Engineer, Specialist in Phytotechnology. He holds a Master's degree in Agricultural Biotechnology, both from the Universidad Autónoma de Chapingo. He has over 13 years of experience at the Federal Government's Ministry of Agriculture, promoting and implementing regulatory aspects of modern biotechnology as well as genetic resources for food and agriculture. He has participated in the design and implementation of public policies and federal programs related to sustainable corn production, technological innovation and development, seed production, genetic resources, and pollinator conservation. Main promoter of the #EfectoPolinizador.



Vicki Wojcik

Director of Pollinator Partnership Canada. She leads conservation and outreach programs, working toward an equitable world for pollinators, where all living things on this planet thrive. She has worked for over 15 years in pollinator conservation. The core of her work is engaging governments, land managers, and the public in positive actions for pollinators. She researches sustainable agricultural practices that promote pollinators and the engagement of national governments in Canada, the United States, and Mexico to adopt collaborative policies. She joined the Pollinator Partnership team after completing her PhD in Environmental Science, Policy, and Management at UC Berkeley in 2010.



Ana Angélica Cervantes Maldonado

PhD from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM). Holds a postdoctoral degree in molecular systematics from the Botanical Garden of Berlin, Germany. She is a plant specialist and has authored several publications in peer-reviewed journals. She has written several textbooks and popular articles. She has served on various technical committees for species extinction risk assessment at the national level and for the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Since 2014, she has worked at Comisión Nacional para el Conocimiento y Uso de la Biodiversidad (CONABIO). She is currently Deputy Director of the Department of Information Management and Species Assessment.



J Cruz García Albarado

PhD in Landscape from the University of Sheffield, England. He is a research professor at Colegio de Postgraduados In Córdoba Campus and a member of the National System of Researchers (SNI) Level I. His work focuses on the design of naturalistic gardens, particularly those for pollinators. He is the creator and professor of the online Landscape Architecture course offered by EBAC Mexico. He has served as co-coordinator of Network 6 of Gardens and Orchards for Pollinators of the Estrategia Nacional para la Conservación y Uso Sustentable de los Polinizadores (ENCUSP). He is also a visual artist who combines art and science, with more than 30 solo exhibitions in Mexico and abroad.



Axel Aldaz Castillo

He is a Veterinary Zootechnician from the Universidad Xicotepetl A.C. He holds a diploma in Basic Epidemiology from Facultad de Medicina Veterinaria y Zootecnia, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM). He currently serves as Head of the Technical Advisory Commission on Rangeland Coefficients (COTECOCA) and Coordinator of the National Program for the Control of the African Honey Bee in Hidalgo for the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. He is a promoter and contributor to the editing of the Manual of Procedures and Care Protocol for the Capture of Honeybee Colonies and Swarms in Mexico.



Eligio García Serrano

PhD in Geography from the Centro de Investigaciones en Geografía Ambiental at Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM). Since 1993, has contributed to conservation work in the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve. Among his achievements is the creation of the Monarch Network, and, together with other stakeholders, he designed the First Monarch Butterfly Documentation Center. Thanks to this collaborative effort, forest degradation in the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve has significantly decreased, which contributes significantly to maintaining the Monarch Butterfly migration and overwintering phenomenon.

