

A close-up photograph of a yellow flower, likely a Black-eyed Susan, with a green, textured center. A small, colorful moth with orange, white, and black patterns is resting on a yellow petal. The background is blurred, showing more of the flower and some green foliage.

POLLINATOR PARTNERSHIP

2020 MID-YEAR REPORT

**We are working hard for a better future.
Together, we will succeed.**



At this unique time during the pandemic, we are all examining many things at once—the interdependence of human society; the importance of family, friends, community; where we get our food; and the health of all species and our planet. The Covid-19 pandemic is the first time in human history that all of the planet's people are aware of a single threat and are communicating their experiences across the globe. We are feeling very similar things: fear of a dire and novel virus; gratitude that we have communication technology; responsibility to share the burden; and hope that we will rise together to a better future.

It is eminently clear that forging an effective path forward requires solid science, cross-discipline cooperation, shared sacrifice, and actions based on practical solutions, compassion, courage, and optimism. These are the same qualities that Pollinator Partnership (P2) has heralded to resolve the great conservation issues of our time. Fundamentally, food is a security issue. Pollinator protection leads to food security and ecosystem services critical to health for **pollinators, people, plants and the planet.**

Pollinator Partnership is leading the way to a better future. We at P2 have been moving mountains for pollinators while sheltering-in-place. We are eager to share the progress we are making—ALL of which depends on your support. You won't find tote bags, address labels or petitions in this package, but you will find real, on-the-ground work that is saving bees (and bats and butterflies and beetles) every day and every where. **We need your support more than ever to continue our work for pollinators. Thank you!**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie Davies Adams". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a mix of capital and lowercase letters.

Laurie Davies Adams, President and CEO

Pollinator Partnership programs make a real difference - even in a lockdown.



When the shelter-in-place order came earlier this year, **Pollinator Partnership** stepped up its support for pollinators, plants, people and the planet.

Pollinators—A spring Mite-A-Thon was added to our schedule to help honey bees suffering from Varroa mite infestation and to get real data to their beekeepers.

Plants— Our great partnership with the Almond Board of California and with all the Bee Friendly Farming farms means that habitat is growing and habits are changing to eliminate the effects of pesticides.

People—Pollinator Partnership created a special webpage to help children and parents at home understand the importance of pollinators, learn science lessons in the backyard, and have fun together. It's called Keeping Going, Keep Growing. Find it at <https://www.pollinator.org/parents-and-kids>.

Planet—Pollinator Partnership released its latest poster showing the connection pollinators have to ecosystem services that support a healthy planet.

With the Coronavirus pandemic affecting every country, we at Pollinator Partnership are adjusting our strategies to emerge from this period stronger, smarter, more solid. **We are doing great work despite the restrictions we face.**

Our supporters are stepping up, too. Raf Peeters, President of Qcify, has offered to double any donation (up to a total of \$25,000) until the start of Pollinator Week, June 22—**Please give now! Thank you.**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Kelly Rourke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Kelly Rourke, Director of Programs and Operations

Physical distancing rules - grow native plants; remove invasive plants; take inventory; bloom.



Holly Frainer (pictured in Mason State greenhouse) grew-out thousands of pollinator plant plugs to build the reserves of native plants available for monarchs. Amber Barnes, removed invasive plants. Dr. Lora Morandin swept a net to identify flying visitors and kept a half dozen Canadian projects in hand ably assisted by Kathleen Law and Anthony Colangelo. Isaac Lisle busily distributed our outstanding new poster supported by Ashley Lorenzo. Elizzabeth Kaufman organized a Monarch Wings Across Chicagoland program. Tom Van Arsdall submitted thoughtful policy suggestions to NRCS as requested. Kelly Rourke finished our 2019 audit and put her boots on the ground to build Monarch Wings Across California. Laurie Adams solidified relationships in DC and beyond. And our Bee Friendly Farming certified farms (one seen below in bloom) make it all worthwhile. All in a day's work. We are pulling hard for pollinators and seeing real change on the landscape everywhere —**your support makes it possible.**





**The P2 Team has it covered; we put
nature first - pollinators win.**

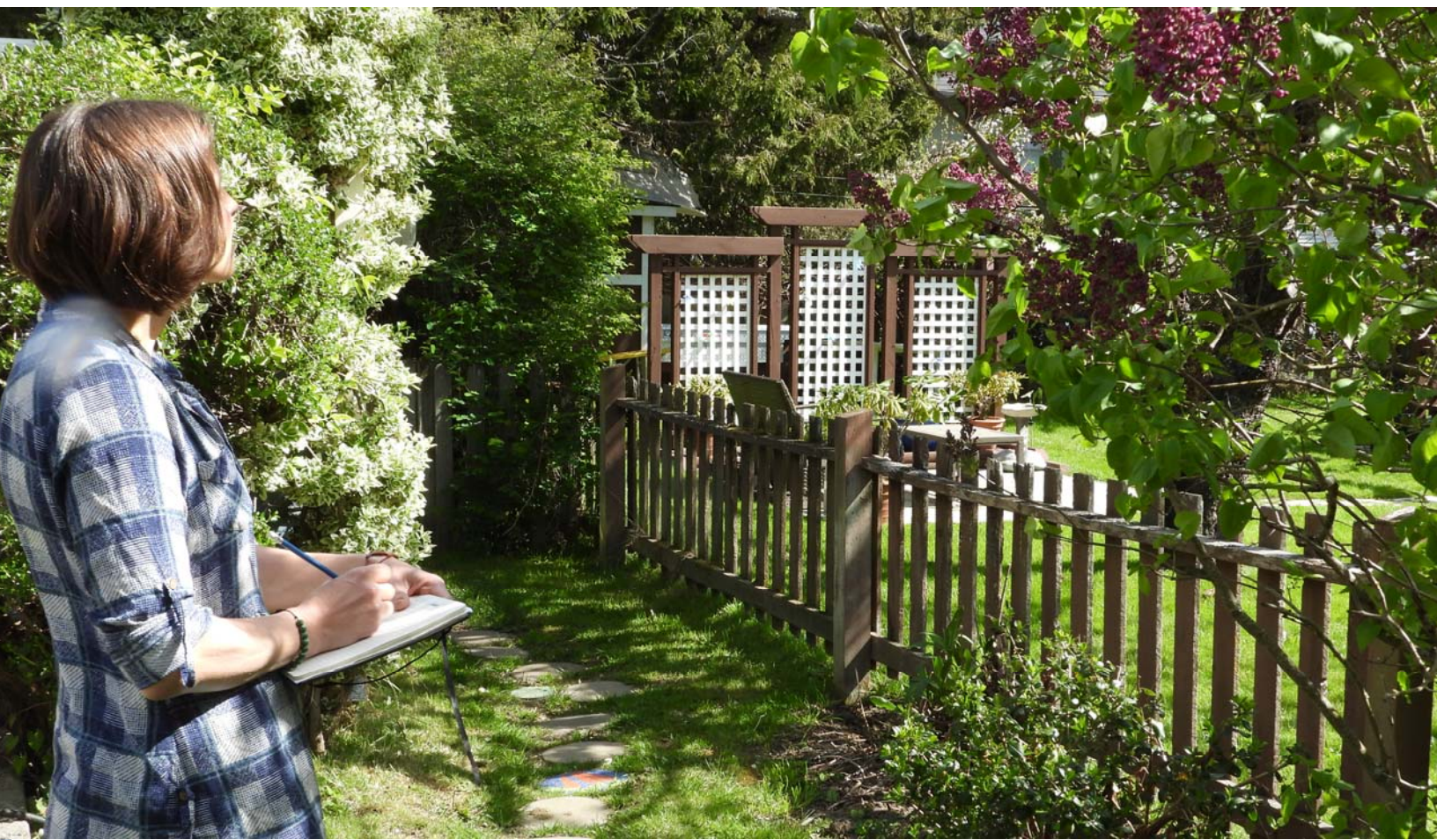


Sustainability, security, resilience and adaptation; P2 has always risen to the challenge.

The 2020 Coronavirus pandemic gives us all the opportunity to adapt and succeed. We can focus on what really matters and make the adjustments that will sustain us. Financially, P2 has never been stronger—as a result of our hard work and your generosity in 2019, we finished solidly, setting us on a path for more success in helping pollinators than ever before. During lockdown:

- P2 has added 2 new employee positions including an on-the-ground Bee Friendly Farming California Coordinator.
- Conducting surveys of pollinator strength can be done while respecting physical distancing. Dr. Lora Morandin prepares an observational survey to document pollinator visitors.
- Unbeknownst to the other staff in SF, Cleveland and Toronto, beautiful pollinator face masks were shared on our staff site.
- Anthony Colangelo captured his first photo of the Great Gray Owl. It's not a pollinator but may on a rare occasion eat one. A self-proclaimed "bird nerd," Anthony knows his stuff and shared it on a webinar for kids and virtual classrooms (<https://www.pollinator.org/parents-and-kids>).

Your support for our 30 + programs changes the landscape and influences over 50,000 interactions every month! Even in a virtual working situation, we are making good things happen.



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