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NAPPC Awards Research/Habitat Grants to Promote Lepidoptera Conservation in North America

The **North American Pollinator Protection Campaign (NAPPC)**, managed by **Pollinator Partnership (P2)**, has awarded funding to three new projects related to Lepidoptera conservation. Overseen by the **NAPPC Lepidoptera Task Force**, the 2024 Lepidoptera Grant Program was sponsored by the following organizations:

- [Butterfly Wonderland](#) of Scottsdale, AZ
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Each project funded will explore one or more identified priority areas that will improve habitat and fill research gaps concerning Lepidoptera species in North America.

2024 marks the second year that the NAPPC Lepidoptera Task Force has offered this grant program to supplement the research, populations, and habitat of North American lepidopteran species. NAPPC solicited proposals in the fall of 2023 from university professors, undergraduate and graduate students, community groups, and nonprofit organizations who are dedicated to investigating and alleviating the stressors faced by butterfly and moth populations across the continent.

This winter, the NAPPC Lepidoptera Task Force convened a panel of experts to review the proposals, which included **Todd Gilligan, Ralph Grundel, Dolores Savignano, Kelly Bills, Steve Sass, and Amanda Smith**. The following projects have been chosen from 38 quality submissions and will report their progress to the NAPPC Lepidoptera Task Force in the spring of 2025.

- **Dan Sandacz, April Vaos, Erika Stergos, and Garnet Miller** at the **Preservation Foundation in Liberty, IL** are *Restoring Lepidoptera Resources in Wetland Habitats through Youth Programming*
- **Dr. Douglas Taron and Alan Lawrence** at **The Chicago Academy of Sciences / Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum** are pursuing the *Restoration of two populations of Baltimore Checkerspot and expansion of the Nature Museum's Butterfly Restoration Program*
- **Dr. Kelsey Fisher** at the **Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station** will be investigating *Strategic mowing to enhance monarch butterfly oviposition and larval survival rates in CT*

The Request For Proposals for 2025 conservation projects will be distributed in Fall 2024. Visit www.pollinator.org/lepidoptera for more information.

You may contact **Reed Lievers** of Pollinator Partnership at reed@pollinator.org or at 415.362.1137 to learn more about the program.

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ABOUT THE NORTH AMERICAN POLLINATOR PROTECTION CAMPAIGN (NAPPC)

For over 23 years, NAPPC has brought together stakeholders from all sectors of the pollinator issue in a collaborative partnership to support pollinator health across the North American continent. More than any other single organization, the collective effort of these 180 plus organizations has made pollinator health a feature in conservation landscape management. From its many Task Forces, NAPPC affects change and moves solid science into real progress on the ground. Managed by the Pollinator Partnership, more can be found about NAPPC at www.nappc.org.

ABOUT POLLINATOR PARTNERSHIP (P2)

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