

## **Great Georgia Pollinator Census Activities through the State Botanical Garden of Georgia**

### **Nature Ramblers**

**Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> 9 – 11 a.m.**

Meet at Visitor Center Fountain, free

The popular Botanical Garden Nature Ramblers will dive into the Great Georgia Pollinator Census during the fourth week in August. On Thursday, August 22, the Ramblers will focus on learning to identify different types of insect pollinators, such as butterflies, moths, bumble bees, honey bees, carpenter bees, wasps, and flies. On Friday, August 23, 9 – 11 a.m, Ramblers will meet again at the Visitor Center Fountain and head out into the Garden to begin the census. Each Rambler will select a plant and observe pollinator activity for at least 15 minutes, recording basic data such as weather conditions and common name of the plant. Participants can stay for as long or short as they want. Everyone is welcome, whether you are a beginner or long-time Rambler. Insect and plant experts will be on hand to help with identification and data collection.

### **Garden Earth Explorers becomes Citizen Scientist**

Thursday, August 22 and Saturday August 24 at 10:15 am

Alice H. Richards Children's Garden, meet at the Ladybug

Every Thursday and Saturday at 10:15 am the Garden Explorers program meets in the Alice H. Richards Children's Garden. This event is free and open to children of all ages. For this special week, we are joining forces with UGA Extension and partners throughout the state to become citizen scientists. We will be collecting data for the Great Georgia Pollinator Census. Families will learn what an insect is, make a fun bee craft, learn to identify different pollinators and then head into the garden to make observations. The data collected will be sent to UGA Extension to get a snapshot of insect activity throughout the state. You can't make it? Don't worry check out <https://ggapc.org/> to see how you can participate at home.

### **Master Gardeners Booth at SBG**

Saturday, August 24, 9 am- 4 pm

Master Gardeners will be setting up tables in the Visitor Center and the children's garden at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia to provide additional information and answer questions about the Great Georgia Pollinator Census. They will help interested participants become citizen scientists by collecting data to get a snapshot of insect activity throughout the state. You can't make it? Don't worry check out <https://ggapc.org/> to see how you can participate at home.

### **Connect to Protect Campus Data Collection**

Friday, Aug 23, 9:00-10:30 a.m. and 11:30-1:00 p.m.

Meet at the Connect to Protect native pollinator garden in between the Pharmacy South and Environmental Health Sciences buildings.

RSVP to [Lvmuller@uga.edu](mailto:Lvmuller@uga.edu)

We need your help with this statewide initiative led by College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences Cooperative Extension to record the numbers and types of pollinators that populate our state during late summer. This activity, guided by the State Botanical Garden of Georgia, will involve counting and categorizing insects that visit a single blooming plant for a 15-minute period. We will provide clip boards and data sheets and will train you on site. You don't need to be an insect expert to participate!

### **Certificate in Native Plants & Plants and Pollinators Specialization Data Collection**

Friday, August 23, various times

Saturday, August 24, various times

Participants in the State Botanical Garden of Georgia's Certificate in Native Plants (CNP) as well as the Plants and Pollinators Specialization (PPS) across the state will be participating and collecting data as citizen-scientists. During the Great Georgia Pollinator Census, these students will be helping to gather a snapshot look of pollinators around the state in addition to helping at community events encouraging others to do the same. Since this event is a citizen-science project that can be done anywhere (including home gardens or personal property), there is no time requirement to join this effort – every observation contribution is meaningful! More information about the event, as well as how to record and report information can be found at the following website: <https://ggapc.org/>