



The Wild News



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Wild Friends New Mexico

Wild Friends Students Educate the Public about Pollinator-Friendly Plants!

New Plant Guide Created by Students and Distributed to Nurseries

This spring, Wild Friends students across New Mexico worked to improve and increase habitat for pollinators through the Pollinator-Friendly Plant Labelling Project. This work was the result of SJM4, a memorial written by Wild Friends students and passed by the NM State Legislature in 2017.

Students from Rio Rancho Middle School and Guadalupe Montessori School in Silver City contributed fabulous art and research to the plant brochure, which includes a guide to native plants and their pollinators. Other classes studied pollinators in advance of visits to plant nurseries.

In April and May, Wild Friends students from five schools visited nurseries in Farmington, Silver City, and Albuquerque. Thousands of pollinator-friendly plant guides and plant stakes were distributed to 20 local nurseries in 9 communities across New Mexico! The nursery owners have told us they thrilled to have this informative, colorful resource to share with their customers.

We have also distributed the brochure to botanical gardens, nature centers, cooperative extension offices, and all of our New Mexico state legislators! Educators and customers have told us, "Wow! These are beautiful!" and "This is absolutely awesome and is greatly appreciated!" and say they will use them to educate people on hikes, garden tours, at pollinator festivals, and elsewhere!

Wild Friends in the News!

- ⇒ On April 21st KOB TV news featured students from Northeast Family School in Farmington visiting San Juan Nurseries on its segment "How you can help the bees ahead of a dry summer."
- ⇒ On April 27th Wild Friends educator Sara Van Note was a guest on KFUN radio in Las Vegas, talking about pollinator-friendly plants!
- ⇒ Former State Senator Dede Feldman wrote the book "Another Way Forward" about grassroots organizing in New Mexico, and it includes a chapter about Wild Friends!



~Kayla Sunstrom, RRMS

SAVE THE DATE!

Burque Bee City Pollination
Celebration

Saturday, June 16th

9 am—2 pm

Open Space Visitor Center
6500 Coors Blvd NW, ABQ

Come make a bee bath at
the Wild Friends booth!

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Field Trips to Plant Nurseries



~Haeleah Blackman, RRMS

Guadalupe Montessori School students visit Country Girls Nursery in Silver City



Alamosa ES students visit Jericho Nursery in Albuquerque



Students from Northeast Family School at San Juan Nurseries in Farmington