

**One quick note:**

*For many of you – certainly those I have taught and/or worked with in the nature field – it will go without saying that as you plant milkweed and nectar plants for monarchs and other pollinators, you **MUST** plant LOCAL varieties! A deep thanks to my friend and teacher Bob Pyle for pointing out my omission of this critical point. (Mea culpa!) **Thank you Bob!***

*Also importantly, for those of you not near Missouri (!) the Xerces Society <http://www.xerces.org/> can offer a raft of easily understandable resources for you in helping monarchs and pollinators in your region.*

*Recently, Anne Stine, of Xerces, joined us with the Missouri Prairie Foundation <http://www.moprairie.org/> and our partners with the National Wildlife Federation <http://www.nwf.org/Pollinators/Monarch.aspx> , Missouri Department of Conservation <http://mdc.mo.gov/category/editorial-tags/monarch-butterfly> and Conservation Federation of Missouri <http://confedmo.org/the-latest-missouri-wildlife-issue-is-now-online/#> to educate and speak with representatives from the 37 organizations from around the state (with a sprinkling of national and international groups) who gathered to begin planning and carrying out a statewide initiative for monarch and pollinator restoration. The monarch will be our “poster child” but the plan will arc across the butterfly and pollinator spectrum. If you would like to start something similar in your state, please get in touch!*

*And finally, **thanks to Eli and Clifton!** From a yard in D.C. to 20-50 acres in Tennessee, your dedication to milkweeds and nectar plants is significant and appreciated by many including me! KUDOS and thanks for keeping in touch! (P.S. Clifton asked about native localized seed in central Tennessee. I told him about Roundstone Native Seed Company -<http://roundstoneseed.com/> . )*

*In promising to keep it short, until next time . . .*

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