

Bitterroot National Forest: Darby Ranger District Native Plant Pollinator Garden

2011 Accomplishments

Darby Ranger District installed a native plant pollinator garden in 2010. Pollinator garden enhancement continued in 2011 with the installation of bee and butterfly boxes constructed by the Trapper Creek Job Corp as well as other activities.

- Plants were purchased from local community sources to be added to the garden.
- Bee boxes and butterfly boxes were made by the Trapper Creek Job Corp to be placed in the garden.
- An educational brochure containing information on pollinators, native plants, and information about the plants planted in the garden was sent to the regional office for bulk printing to hand out to the public.

The district has an excellent opportunity to reach many people due to its close proximity to the Darby School System as well as recreational visitors travelling Highway 93 who stop at the station. The native plant pollinator garden provides attractive landscaping for the office as well as the opportunity for visitors to learn about the relationship between pollinators, native plants, and the benefits they provide in ecosystem services.



Figure 2. Fire ecology components were incorporated into the garden



Figure 3. A pollinator visiting a blanket flower at the garden.

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The Pollinator Partnership is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to work with organizations and agencies to protect pollinators critical to food and ecosystems, through conservation, education, and research.

Figure 1. Darby Ranger District brochure.

Year awarded: 2011

Project completion: 2011

FY10 expenditures:
\$700.00 (NFN3)

Partners/collaborators:

- Blackfoot Native Nursery
- Empire Nursery
- Great Bear Restoration
- Trapper Creek Job Corps
- Region One Native Plant Program

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