

# Native Pollinators: Habitat Conservation for Wild Bees in Southwestern Colorado



## A free workshop for agricultural professionals and growers

Wednesday October 1, 2008 from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Arriola Community Center  
21176 Co. Rd. S, Cortez, Colorado

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### At the end of the workshop, participants will know:

- Why pollinating insects are important for our food systems
- The importance of pollinating insect habitat adjacent to crop fields
- Practical steps that can be taken to improve pollinating insect populations on farms



Beneficial insects live wild in agricultural landscapes and can provide valuable services to farms. As the problems facing honey bees grow, the value of our native bees continues to increase. Overlooked by many growers, unmanaged native bees are important crop pollinators. The presence of nearby natural areas and on-farm habitat greatly benefit the vital service these pollinators provide. This workshop will discuss how to use conservation buffers and other on-farm habitat to increase populations of these beneficial insects—and the important services they provide—to enhance farm production and improve environmental quality.

We will also attempt a tour nearby to discuss pollinator habitat and identify them on a working farm.

#### Speakers:

**Mace Vaughan**, Conservation Director, Xerces Society Pollinator Conservation Program

**Terri Skadeland**, State Biologist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Colorado

**Pat Davey**, State Plant Materials Specialist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Colorado

**Bob Fuller**, Biologist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Colorado

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