



Colorado Native Plant Society Monitoring Native Plants in the Garden 2018 Pilot Survey for Northern Colorado

This spring, the Northern Chapter of the Colorado Native Plant Society (CoNPS) is offering a pilot project, "Monitoring Native Plants in the Garden - 2018 Survey" to its members and other interested gardeners.

The long-term objective of this program:

To develop an interactive, on-line, searchable database of native plants which will encourage the use and success of native plants in our gardens.

The information gathered from the surveys will:

- Help gardeners, propagators, nurseries, and partner agencies determine which natives do well in a garden setting, which plants are having problems, and why.
- Provide research about which pollinators prefer which type of plants. The data collected will be shared with nationwide pollinator monitoring projects in the near future.
- Provide important base-line phenology data (the reporting of plant life cycles such as first bloom, first fruit, etc.) that isn't currently available for most of our native plants. The results will be shared with nationwide phenology sites in the near future, helping to determine the impacts of climate change.

The information you send back to us from your surveys at the end of each season will be entered into our database. The survey will be repeated for multiple seasons, for comparison and research purposes, and will ask for information such as:

- Plant names, location and elevation of garden, bloom/fruiting dates
- Planting/maintenance/irrigation regimens, survival rates, pollinators present
- Soil types, micro-climates, sun/shade

Please email conpsoffice@aol.com to sign up for participation in the survey.

If you don't already have a copy of the 2018 survey, or if you have questions, please email conpsoffice@aol.com or call 970-663-4085 with your contact information (name, email address).

Because this is a pilot project for 2018, please let us know how this survey worked for you.

We welcome any suggestions for improvement.

Thank You!

We hope you'll consider participating.