



Wild Ones Middle Tennessee Chapter Meeting

Monday, March 28, 2022, at 7:00 pm CDT

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Preserving Relationships and Building Diverse Communities Within and Beyond the Garden

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As we begin to better understand the impact of human influence on the natural systems of this planet, and the ramifications become more difficult to ignore, efforts are rapidly growing to help mitigate alarming losses of biodiversity on every level. The ecosystem services provided by pollinators are critical to both the global economy and human health. We will examine factors that can improve pollinator diversity within a habitat. We will discuss how

specialized and generalized plant-pollinator relationships drive plant diversity and how native plants contribute to the functional diversity of your garden space.

Travis Watson received his Bachelor of Science (B.S. Biology) and Master of Science (M.S. Biology) degrees from East Tennessee State University, where he recently completed a thesis project focused on the functional aspects of pollinator gardens important to supporting a biologically diverse pollinator insect community. He is currently the Horticulture Manager and Arborist for ETSU, and has over 20 years' experience in commercial horticulture, nursery management, and plant health care.

Zoom Meeting opens at 6:30

Everyone is welcome!