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for Invertebrate Conservation

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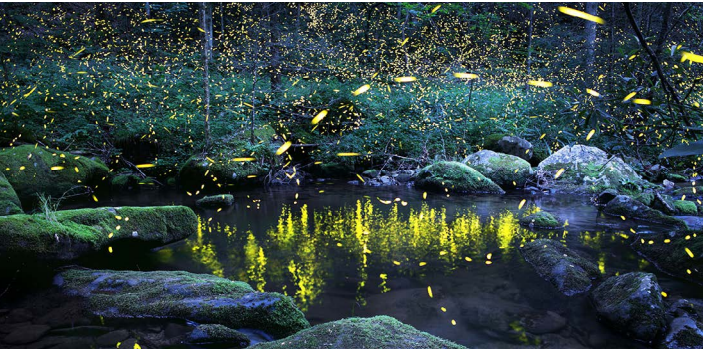
Protecting the Life That Sustains Us

Firefly meadows are going dark. The beauty of butterflies is fading from our gardens and parks. The hum of bees is being lost from our farms and prairies.

These insects and so many more are essential to our health and that of our planet. They pollinate flowers, clean streams, control crop pests, dispose of waste, disperse seeds, and are food for other wildlife—services that are critical for sustaining life.

Yet insects and other invertebrates are often imperiled by human activities and overlooked when key decisions are made about conservation policy, farming, development, and land management.

The Xerces Society is striving to change that. Named after the extinct Xerces blue butterfly, which lost its habitat due to human activity, the Xerces Society is at the forefront of invertebrate protection. For over 50 years, we have been pioneering new ways to protect insects and working to ensure that invertebrates get the conservation attention they deserve.



What We Do

Xerces uses our proven, holistic approach: using science to identify the best conservation strategies, then putting that knowledge to work through outreach, action, and policy. We work to build pollinator habitat, protect endangered species, and reduce pesticide use and impacts.

Habitat

We collaborate with people from all walks of life—farmers, gardeners, public land managers—to create and restore habitat so pollinators, freshwater mussels, fireflies and all other beneficial invertebrates can thrive.

Advocacy

We speak up on behalf of endangered and at-risk species. From declining bumble bees to caddisflies that live solely in one stream, Xerces protects these animals and reduces the threats to their survival.

Scientific Research

We conduct applied research projects, including community science programs, that document habitat needs of invertebrates and inform on-the-ground conservation. Our staff members regularly publish scientific papers and reports that advance human knowledge.

Policy

We work with public agencies to incorporate the needs of pollinators and other invertebrates into conservation programs. We engage lawmakers to pass legislation that protects these creatures and their habitat.

Outreach

We help others gain the knowledge and confidence to take action for invertebrates through workshops, free publications, field days, and other resources. There is something for everyone to get involved in, whether that's joining a community science project like Bumble Bee Watch, taking the Pollinator Pledge, or engaging others through Xerces programs like Bee City USA or X Kids.

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