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Learn more about pollinators and birds at the Missouri River Bird Observatory's annual Birds & Bees Festival

Join us at the hybrid-format festival featuring live webinars, virtual keynotes, in-person activities and more

ARROW ROCK, Mo. – April 20, 2021 – The annual <u>Birds & Bees Festival</u> in Arrow Rock, Missouri returns this year in hybrid form! The festival, hosted by the Missouri River Bird Observatory, is held in conjunction with The Village of Arrow Rock's Vintage Garden Market. This year, Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever in Missouri will be joining in on the festivities!

The fun and excitement begin on Thursday, May 6th, when the virtual side of the festival kicks off. A series of 15-minute "lightning" presentations happening at the top of every hour on Thursday through Saturday will offer a variety of information on nature activities and home gardening. There are also outstanding keynote speakers presenting virtually on each evening of the festival, as well as a



happy hour and interactive games. The in-person portion of this event will take place in Arrow Rock on May 8th and feature guided nature walks, plant and garden décor vendors, specialty food purveyors and more.

"Our team is so excited to be taking part in the Birds & Bees Festival this year," said Kim Cole, Outreach Coordinator for PFQF in Missouri. "Conservation of birds and pollinators is something our team works on every day, so we look forward to participating in this festival and connecting with others who have a shared interest in birds, bees and habitat!"



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On May 7th, join Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist II Josh Marshall for his *Good for Quail, Good for Pollinators* lighting presentation or visit us during our live virtual exhibit booth for a chance to win some Quail Forever gear! You can also learn about the Missouri Bumble Bee Atlas, a partnership between The Xerces Society, The Missouri Dept. of Conservation, MU CAFNR and Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever, during the lighting presentation from Katie Lamke of the Xerces Society on May 6th.

Additionally, the <u>festival</u> will offer a self-guided nature scavenger hunt that will be hosted both in-person and virtually and raffle tickets for a four-person Arrow Rock experience are available online now at the festival website, or can be purchased in person at the MRBO booth on Main Street on May 8th.

For a complete listing of all the exciting webinars and activities, and to purchase your tickets, please visit https://mrbo.org/festival.

If you have questions about the Birds & Bees Festival, reach out to Dana Ripper at dana.ripper@mrbo.org. To learn more about the PFQF in Missouri sessions or virtual exhibit booth, contact Kim Cole at kcole@quailforever.org.

About Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever

<u>Pheasants Forever</u>, including its quail conservation division — <u>Quail Forever</u> — is the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to upland habitat conservation. Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever have more than 138,000 members and 760 local chapters across the United States and Canada. Since creation in 1982, Pheasants Forever has spent over \$900 million on 550,000 habitat projects benefiting 19 million acres nationwide. Visit the <u>Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever in Missouri website</u> or follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>YouTube</u>.

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