

Calling all naturalists, educators, conservationists, and outdoor skills folks!



Arrow Rock, Missouri April 25th, 2026 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Missouri River Bird Observatory (MRBO) and Experience Arrow Rock invite you to participate in a festival aimed at increasing public awareness and enjoyment of Missouri's native birds, pollinators, and nature in general! The **Birds, Bees, and Blooms Festival** attracts hundreds of attendees each year, and our goal is to provide a great experience for people of all ages to enjoy and learn about nature and how to conserve it.

The 2026 festival will take place along Main Street in Arrow Rock between 3rd and 7th Streets. These blocks border MRBO's headquarters, the Arrow Rock Boardwalk, and the J. Huston Tavern.

We are looking for volunteers to operate their own booths and activities to provide visitors with a diverse, educational and super-fun experience. Here is a list of possible activities and topics that we would love to have at the festival - but **we welcome your ideas** and the activities or presentations with which you already have experience!

- »Any bird, plant, and/or pollinator activities, particularly hands-on learning experiences
- »Basic ecology and conservation experiences for any age level
- »Educational stations for kids on biology, adaptations, ecology, nature crafts, etc.
- »Habitat Restoration info, for example: pollinator plantings, invasive plant removal, native prairie management
- »Wildlife Photography
- »Guided walks to observe birds, plants, or any taxa of the Arrow Rock geography
- »Native plant sales, ID workshops, or lectures
- »Vendors with nature-related products

INTERESTED?

If you would like to help in any capacity at the Birds, Bees and Blooms Festival, please email MRBO's Operations Assistant, Marlee Malmberg at marlee.malmberg@mrbo.org



The fine print: MRBO and its partners in Arrow Rock will be responsible for all event coordination and advertising. Volunteers are responsible for their own supplies, including tables and tents, and their costs for transportation, lodging, etc. Vendors wishing to sell items for profit during the festival must adhere to Experience Arrow Rock's vendor agreement and booth fee (10% of sales). MRBO and any/all organizing partners are not liable for any personal injuries, theft or mishaps that occur as a result of festival activities.