

Grazing Lands Pollinator Ecologist to Speak Wednesday at SWOSU

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Ray Moranz, grazing lands pollinator ecologist with the Xerces Society, will be the featured speaker at this Wednesday's (March 1) Southwestern Oklahoma State University Department of Biological Sciences Joseph D. Maness Seminar Series on the Weatherford campus.

Moranz will present "Ecology and Conservation of Prairie Butterflies and Bees" at 4 p.m. in the Room 212 of the Old Science Building. Admission is free, and the public is invited.

The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation conducts the world's largest pollinator conservation program to protect and restore habitat for pollinator use. Pollinators are essential components of the environment, and they provide necessary pollination of over 85% of the world's flowering plants, including most crops. Moranz' presentation will focus on the roles pollinators play in diverse prairie ecosystems and ongoing efforts to ensure the conservation of key invertebrate species that utilize those habitats annually.

Light refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact SWOSU Associate Professor Zach Jones at 580.774.3294.