

We are hiring a project lead to study population dynamics of monarch butterflies in urban gardens in the East Bay area. The position would most naturally be at the postdoctoral level, but I am open to hiring an experienced post-bacc or post-MS technician. Minimum qualifications are: (1) knowledge of population ecology, (2) experience handling butterflies, (3) excellent interpersonal skills, (4) interest in pollinator gardening, and (5) demonstrated ability to work independently.

This is a term position for 15-18 months, with some possibilities of applying for ongoing funding. Priority may be given to applicants who can start during Fall 2021, and the position must start by early January 2022.

Field work is in the East Bay (near Berkeley, California). The position is administratively based at Tufts University in collaboration with Washington State University. Work will include monitoring demography of monarch butterflies (including eggs, caterpillars, and adults) in urban gardens (~85%), and contributing to public-facing outreach about pollinator gardening and monarch butterfly conservation (~15%). Work could include involvement in statistical analyses and population modeling of urban monarch butterflies, if the successful candidate is interested in building these skills. The position may include travel to Tufts University (in Medford, MA, near Boston) and to pollinator gardens [on Google campuses](#) in California and other regions.

This project follows on issues discussed in a recent essay ([Ecology Letters 24:1533-1538](#)) and summarized by [KPIX news](#) in July.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Crone ([elizabeth.crone@tufts.edu](mailto:elizabeth.crone@tufts.edu)) by email with “urban monarch butterflies” in the subject line. Please include a CV, names of three references, and a brief statement of interests. This position is open until filled.