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Rusty-Patched Bumblebee: Decline, Threats, and Hopes for our Local Endangered Species

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Once very common throughout the Eastern US, the Rusty-Patched Bumble Bee (*Bombus affinis*) populations have dramatically decreased in the past few decades. Added to the US Endangered Species List, this bee has become the recipient of substantial attention. We'll discuss some of the reasons for this decline, how we can help, and how we can report information as Citizen Scientists. Our activity in our back yards and protected areas is a unique opportunity to directly help an endangered species.