

## **Ed Spevak, bio**

Dr. Ed Spevak has dedicated the last 42 years of his career to the conservation of invertebrates and vertebrates working in zoos and aquariums as a zoo curator and small population biologist. Dr. Spevak is the Curator of Invertebrates at the Saint Louis Zoo and Director of Saint Louis Zoo's WildCare Institute Center for Native Pollinator Conservation (CNPC).

Dr. Spevak and the Saint Louis Zoo helped to establish the Bumble Bee Specialist Group at the IUCN SSC (International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, Species Survival Group). Dr. Spevak and the Zoo have also helped establish the Honey Bee Health Coalition, Keystone Monarch Collaborative, and Missourians for Monarchs Collaborative; Dr. Spevak serves on the steering committee of each.

Dr. Spevak is also a member of the Science Advisory Council of Field to Market, looking at biodiversity issues in the sustainable agriculture chain. Through the CNPC, Dr. Spevak started a new program called Native Foods, Native Peoples, Native Pollinators, focused on food security, food sovereignty, and pollinator conservation on Native American reservations.