

Karner Blue Butterfly Citizen-Based Monitoring Program
CONFIDENTIALITY FORM
Regarding Locations of Rare Species

Rare species are endangered for many reasons. Habitat loss, disease and invasive species are often pointed to as leading causes, but in some cases, collection of a plant or animal has led to its rarity. In order to preserve our rarest species and their habitats, it is important to maintain the confidentiality of their locations. Rare species location data is housed in the Natural Heritage Inventory (NHI) database. The NHI database is the most comprehensive source of rare species data for Wisconsin. NHI data are exempt from Wisconsin's Open Records Law (ss. 19.31-19.39 and s. 23.27, Wis. Stats.), are not available to the public and are only shared by Department authorization for the following purposes: research, educational, environmental, land management or other similar authorized purposes. The Karner Blue Butterfly (KBB) Citizen-Based Monitoring Program volunteers are provided with NHI data since this program falls into the research category of approved uses of NHI data. KBB Citizen-Based Monitoring Program volunteers are privileged to work directly with this species and its host plant, but this privilege brings with it the responsibility to keep the information confidential.

Volunteer Agreement

By my signature below, I agree to the following:

I understand that all KBB location information must be kept confidential and secure. I will not reveal the location of any KBB to others who are not involved in the monitoring, ownership, or legitimate management of the site(s) where I monitor. I understand that any person who assists me with my monitoring assignment must first obtain pre-approval from the KBB Citizen-Based Monitoring Program staff, and/or the landowner/land manager and sign a KBB Citizen-Based Monitoring Program Confidentiality Form before I may engage that person's assistance or reveal KBB location data to that person. I will not remove or destroy any biological material from the sites where I monitor.

I understand that as a volunteer with the KBB Citizen-Based Monitoring Program I am acting as a participant in a State survey program and therefore do not require additional approvals in the event that incidental take of the KBB may result from survey activities. If I become aware of any immediate threat to the population, I will notify, without delay, the land manager or KBB Citizen-Based Monitoring Program staff.

I understand that this volunteer agreement does not terminate or expire, even if I discontinue my participation in the KBB Citizen-Based Monitoring Program. Finally, I understand a failure to comply with the terms of this agreement may result in my removal from the KBB monitoring program.

Certification

I certify that I have examined the above information and found it to be correct, true and complete.

This form may be signed electronically, pursuant to Wis. Stat. Chapter 137. By checking the electronic signature acknowledgement box and typing your name, you are expressing intent to sign this form and certifying that all information contained herein is true, accurate, and complete, to the best of your knowledge and belief. If you decline to sign this form electronically, you must physically sign this form and all other forms required for your project.

PRINT NAME: _____

Signature: _____ Date signed _____