

Status of Insects in North America

January 7, 2026

Virtual



Session Goals

- Gather information about economic valuation of insects, particularly the economic value of natural pest control ecosystem services.
- Discuss knowledge gaps and challenges for economic assessment of insects.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2026 | 1:00 – 2:00 PM EST

OPEN SESSION

1:00 PM Session Welcome and Overview

Scott Miller, Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, Committee Chair

Wei Zhang, International Food Policy Research Institute, Session Moderator and Committee Member

1:05 PM Economic Value of Natural Pest Control

Colleen Miller, University of Minnesota

Marta Sylla, Stockholm Resilience Center

William Sidemo Holm, University of Minnesota and Lund University

1:35 PM Q&A and Discussion

Attendees are encouraged to submit questions via Slido which can be accessed on the [event webpage](#).

2:00 PM ADJOURN