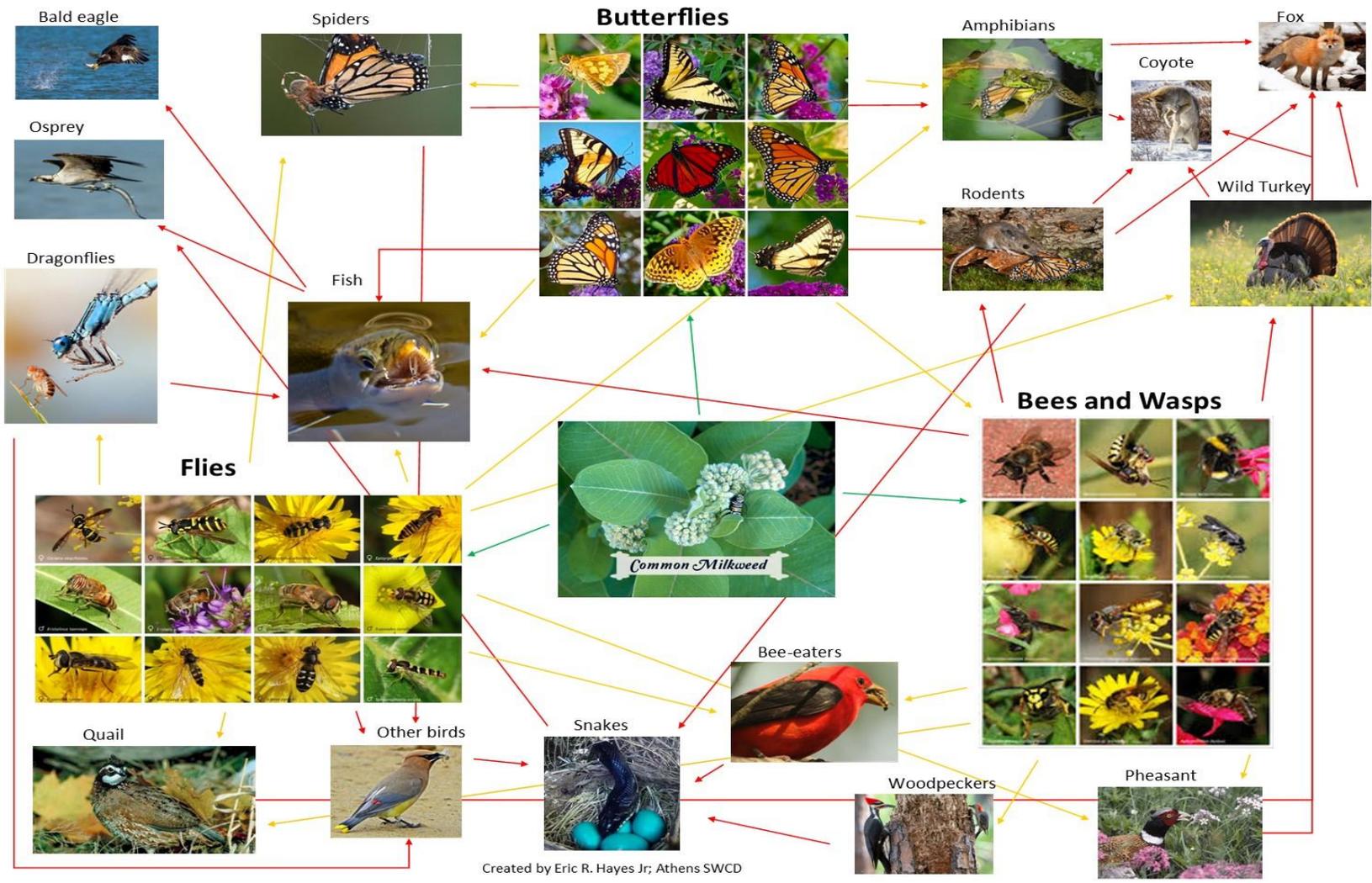


Goals and Expectations



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Goals

- Provide native and beneficial habitat for wildlife
- Provide nectar rich sources for pollinators (beekeepers)
- Edge feather by planting
- Increase pollination of orchard/garden or other flowering species
- Promote upland game bird habitat
- Increase early successional habitat for songbirds
- Create/increase successional diversity
- Convert cool season grass (fallow hay fields/ yard conversions)
- Increase grazing production during warm season
- Stop or reduce mowing

Expectations

- Keep them realistic, results are not immediate
 - 1st year they sleep, 2nd year they creep and 3rd year they leap
- Expect follow up maintenance
- Low success rate or increased non-desirable competition if not prepped correctly

Expectations if site prep is minimally or improperly done



Site prep



1st Growing Season (Sleep)



1st Growing Season (Sleep)



2nd Growing Season (Creep)



2nd Growing Season



3rd Growing Season (Leap)



3rd Growing Season



3rd Growing Season



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