



Pollinator Partnership Canada presents Project Wingspan Ontario: Seed Collection Workshop

Saturday, March 16, 2024 9:00 am - 3:15 pm Toronto Botanical Gardens 777 Lawrence Ave E., The Garden Hall

Project Wingspan engages individuals and communities to participate in native seed collection and pollinator habitat enhancement. Through this course, attendees will increase their awareness of monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*) management in Canada, as well as how they can make a positive difference locally and regionally. Attendees will build knowledge of plants important to the monarch, including how to correctly identify them in the field and how to collect seed using best management practices. The workshop will conclude with a tour of the beautiful Toronto Botanical Gardens. A light lunch will be provided.

Agenda

Time	Торіс	Description	Presenter
9:00 am - 9:15 am	Participant sign-in	Please sign in, grab a snack and find a seat.	
9:15 am - 9:20 am	Introduction	Welcome to the workshop!	Samantha Medeiros
9:20 am - 9:40 am	Monarchs in Canada	Biology, ecology, habitat requirements. History of monarch butterfly conservation and management in Canada.	Vicki Wojcik
9:40 am - 9:55 am	Pollinator Partnership Canada's approach	Overview of P2C initiatives	Jordan Phelps

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9:55 am - 10:10 am	Project Wingspan	Overview of Project Wingspan in the US	Andy Grinstead	
10:10 am - 10:25 am	BREAK			
10:25 am - 11:30 am	Seed Collection 101	Introduction to seed collection - how to prepare, what to look for, and how to collect sustainably.	Samantha Medeiros/ Andy Grinstead	
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Target Plant Species Identification	How to find the plants in the field.	Jordan Phelps/ Andy Grinstead	
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	LUNCH	A light lunch will be provided. Feel free to go out to nearby areas for other options.		
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Seed Strategy for the Monarch Butterfly	The history and current status of native seed supply for the Monarch Butterfly	Stefan Webber	
1:30 pm - 1:50 pm	Mission Monarch, Developing Monitoring Solutions to Improve Monarch Conservation Across Canada since 2016	How you can be part of a community science program documenting the monarch's reproductive success.	Charles-Étienne Ferland	
1:50 pm - 2:10 pm	The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) Meadoway and Native Seeds	Implementing and managing a large-scale restoration using native seeds	Sarah Kotsopoulos	
2:10 pm - 3:10 pm	Tour of Toronto Botanical Gardens	Guided walking tour of the gardens - with opportunity for Q&A with TBG staff	TBG representative	
3:10 pm - 3:20 pm	Closing remarks	Thanks for joining us !	Vicki Wojcik	