

HIGH PARK STEWARDS 2020

WELCOME HIGH PARK STEWARDS!

We have weathered rain, heat, snow, wind and a pandemic to help manage some Environmentally Significant Areas in High Park.

We have all been pushed to adapt to the impact COVID-19 has had, and I have been impressed with this community's respect for each other's safety and the support we have given each other as we volunteered together! Your adaptation and dedication to the interim safety measures made it possible to have these field events!

So let's take a moment to celebrate some of the achievements of 2020!

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AT-HOME RESOURCES

While events were suspended, High Park Stewards had the opportunity to explore some at-home resource packages made available on the High Park Stewards volunteer page. Nature-related instructional activities, links to online educational videos, and self-care activities and resources could all be explored by Stewards from the comfort of their homes.

Recipe 2: Plant Bug Spray

Step 1: Fill the spray bottle with the water. Step 2: Add 1/2 teaspoon of liquid castile soap

Step 4: Tighten spray bottle lid.

Materials and Ingredients: 8 oz sprav bottle 7.5 oz of water ¼ teasmoon of liquid castile soan

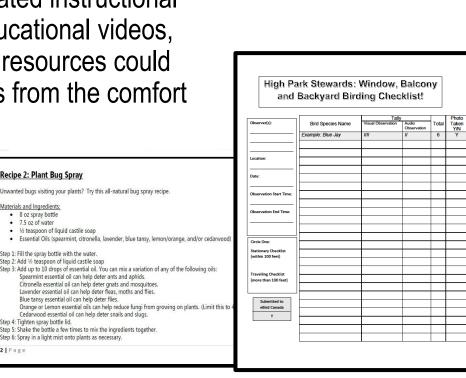
Unwanted bugs visiting your plants? Try this all-natural bug spray recipe

Spearmint essential oil can help deter ants and aphids. Citronella essential oil can help deter gnats and mosquitoes. Lavender essential oil can help deter fleas, moths and flies Blue tansy essential oil can help deter flies.

Cedarwood essential oil can help deter snails and slugs.

Step 5: Shake the bottle a few times to mix the ingredients together Step 6: Spray in a light mist onto plants as necessary





Recipe 2: Tomato Cucumber Basil Salad This is a family recipe that I thoroughly enjoy! Usually it's put together by feel and observation, not measurements, so I worked out the measurements to my taste - try this one out and then make it your own 2 cup small tomatoes (cherry, grape, et ½ cup fresh basil, coarsely tom into ½" pieces 1 ½ cups bocconcini cheese (mini, cut in quarters, or pearls) · ¼ cup extra virgin olive oil tep 1: Cut each small tomato in half (quarters if you want smaller pieces) and put into a large bowl. o 2: Cut the cucumber into 1/4" slices. Then cut each slice into quarters, and put into the bowl. ten 3: Cut the bocconcini into quarters (if minis. If they are pearls, skip this step Step 6: Pour the olive oil onto the contents of the bow Step 7: Add 2 tsp of salt, and mix everything together.

PARTICIPANTS

Five of the thirteen scheduled field events were able to proceed during COVID-19. 37 people registered and participated in those events.

With a maximum of 8 participants per event, over 75 hours were logged in the field this year!









INVASIVE SPECIES

Between three sessions, we removed invasive species from approximately **6700** m² of Environmentally Significant Areas.





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We removed:

Japanese Hedge Parsley

European buckthorn

Tartarian Honeysuckle

Burning Bush

Norway Maple







PLANTINGS

Spring Planting: Was cancelled due to COVID-19

Fall Planting: We planted **687** native herbaceous and woody plants over 2 events



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30 different species of plants were planted in the Tablelands.

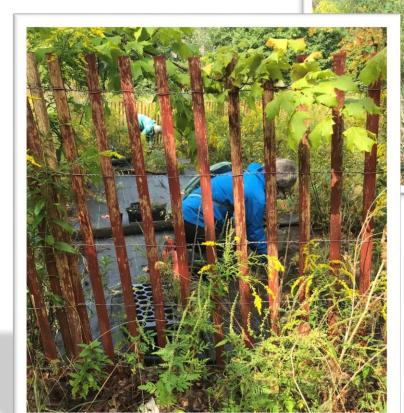
- 5 species of shrubs
- 6 species of grasses
- 19 species of forbs

Most planted:

Shrub – New Jersey Tea

Grass – Indian Grass

Forb – Wild Bergamot





PLANTINGS









SEED COLLECTION

We collected:

Big Bluestem

Little Bluestem

Canada Wild Rye

Indian Grass

Wild Bergamot

Black-Eyed Susan

Showy Tick Trefoil (on our clothes...)





SEED COLLECTION





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Collected seed is stored and propagated at the High Park Greenhouse/Nursery.
Greenhouse staff often run seed cleaning and seed planting events with High Park Stewards. Once the seeds have grown into seedlings, they are planted back into High Park's Environmentally Significant Areas at High Park Stewards planting events.



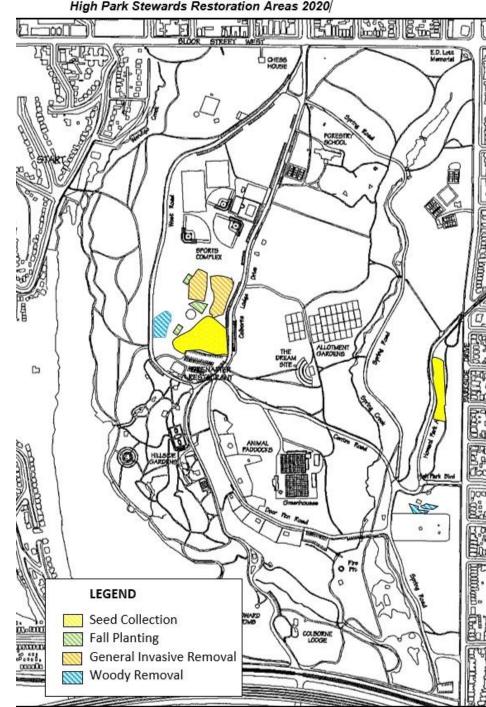




RESTORATION AREAS



High Park Stewards Restoration Areas 2020



THANK YOU!

Another year of great accomplishment especially in the face of adversity.

Until we meet again next year...



