



# HIGH PARK *Stewards*

**Summer 2021**

**Limited on-site stewardship in High Park is starting soon but there are other groups to join to help nature. There's lots to do!**

Those of you who have signed up to receive invites to on-site sessions should have received an email from Eventbrite to the first session. It is now fully booked due to COVID restrictions of 10 people per session.

If you didn't receive an invite to register for the upcoming on-site session (after checking your spam folder) and are interested in receiving one for future on-site sessions, please add your name and email to this list.

[High Park Stewards sign-up form \(see bottom of page\)](#)

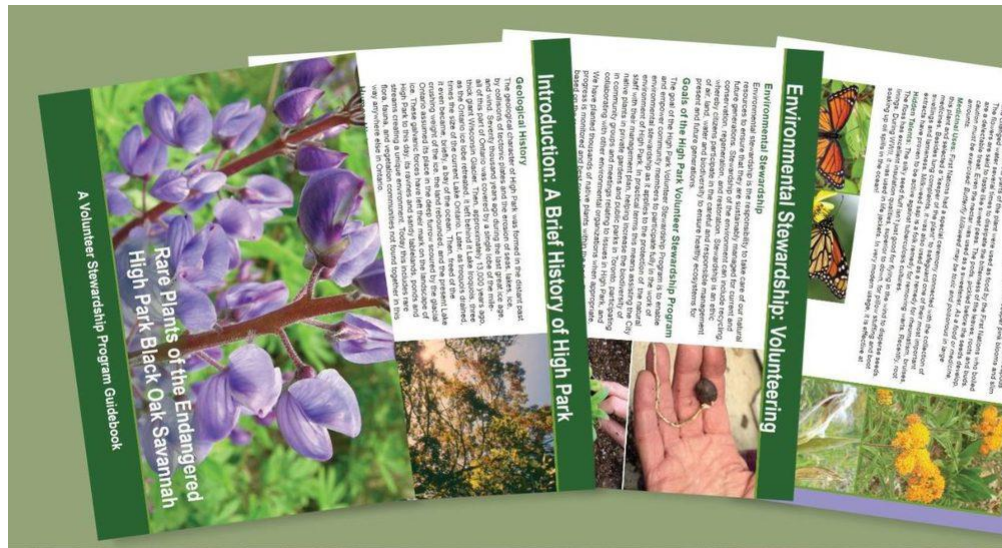
[HPN website links to other groups and online resources](#)

The Boulevard Beds in front of the Grenadier Restaurant are beautiful right now due to the dedicated work of Mary Cole and her volunteers. Come visit!



# Rare Plants of the Endangered High Park Black Oak Savannah

A plant and habitat guide, history of High Park, account of volunteering experiences and catalog of stewardship resources all in one entertaining pocket-sized book is now available in a free pdf on our website. If you haven't already seen it you are in for a treat. Thank you oksana / okkudesign



[Rare Plant Book pdf](#)



# Project Swallowtail Update

For those of you wanting to do something to provide native plant habitats in your yard and in community gardens this is an excellent way to participate. The spring plant sale has distributed thousands of native plants. There may be more plants available in the fall. The Seed Sitters group has provided many of these plants and is gearing up for another year of seed collecting and over-wintering plants for next year. There has been a certification program for Block Ambassadors and pop-up plant swaps like this one on Melrose Ave. If you want to participate please sign up using this link.

[Project Swallowtail \(website, Facebook etc\)](#)



# CSP online nature workshops

The High Park Stewards are invited by the Community Stewardship Program to participate in their summer Virtual Workshop Series, view recordings from past workshops and other activities. Due to COVID restrictions there are currently no opportunities for new stewards for on-site work at the moment. You can sign up for their newsletter to be updated as restrictions are lifted.

[CSP August newsletter](#)

## Toronto Nature Stewards

TNS a group of volunteers, citizens, and scientists dedicated to “protecting, regenerating, and celebrating” the Toronto Ravine System and natural spaces. Activities include litter pickup, removal of garlic mustard, dog-strangling vine, Japanese knotweed, burdock, monitoring and more.

Recruiting volunteer stewards is underway with lots of interest and many new stewards participating already. We welcome all ages, and are all inclusive. If you or someone you know wants to lend a hand in helping nature in Toronto, please email us at [toronto.nature.stewards@utoronto.ca](mailto:toronto.nature.stewards@utoronto.ca)

[Toronto Nature Stewards Newsletter](#)

## High Park Walking Tours

Please join us for the return of the High Park Sunday walking tours on Sunday August 1 for Caterpillars, Moths, and Butterflies with Don Scallen. Meet at the benches, on the south side of Grenadier Restaurant at 10:30 a.m. Covid guidelines will be in effect. Part of this walk is close-up. Please bring a mask for that section. The next walk after this one is on August 15. If you would like to be a walking tour leader please email [mark@getmoredone.com](mailto:mark@getmoredone.com). No RSVP required at this time.



*Promethea  
caterpillar*

[High Park Walking Tours](#)

## High Park Movement Strategy Survey

The City of Toronto is launching a study to improve the travel network for High Park and better serve park users and the community. This survey is specifically about High Park's roads and paved trails (including weekend road closures). It focuses on what people want to do, not on how best to protect wildlife and habitat in this Environmentally Significant Area. If you choose to do the survey we hope you will mention nature protection and low-impact activities such as quiet nature walks, bird-watching and photography. The survey will remain open throughout the summer and will be followed by a community consultation in the fall held by Councillor Gord Perks.

[Take the HP Movement Strategy Survey](#)

# High Park Nature Centre Adult Programs

There are a number of programs for adults that are currently restricted due to COVID. Please sign up for their newsletter to know what is available in the near future. See ton their website under Experiences>Adult Programs

[High Park Nature Centre](#)

## Ontario Nature programs and campaigns

Ontario Nature is a conservation organization that protects wild species and spaces through conservation, education and public engagement. A registered charity (# 10737 8952 RR0001), Ontario Nature represents more than 30,000 members and supporters, and more than 150 member groups from across Ontario. Please join and help conserve our wild spaces.

The Ontario Nature W.W.H. Gunn Conservation Award for outstanding commitment to nature conservation over many years was awarded to Karen Yukich for her dedication to the restoration and conservation of nature in Toronto's High Park. Karen is Co-chair of the HP Natural Environment Committee and High Park Nature and created our website. (Congratulations Karen!)

[Ontario Nature Website](#)

