



HIGH PARK *Stewards*

April 2022 Newsletter

**On-site sessions are beginning in May, native plant sales,
online recordings and other groups' activities**

High Park Nature - Stewards

The High Park Stewards will be starting on-site sessions in May and other groups have on-line meetings and recordings to help you learn about native plants and invasive species.

You must register for each HP session. If you received invites to sessions last year, or are new to our list from 2021 you will receive one when they are sent by Urban Forestry (coming soon). If you are getting this newsletter and now want an invite to on-site sessions please go to our [email list](#) and fill out the form checking "This entry is an update to my existing listing" and "On-site work in High Park"



Some COVID restrictions may apply but we should be able to plant, remove invasive species and collect seeds this year.

High Park Stewards field events are on the horizon! Unless there are changes to the current situation, High Park Stewards field events will begin Sunday, May 8th. As with the previous two years, Stewards must register in advance to attend an event – no drop-ins will be permitted at this time.

Each scheduled event will run from 10:30am – 12:30pm; can accommodate up to 15 participants; will occur on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, from May to November, excluding holiday weekends.

As we transition through changes in regulations, we will continue to monitor health and safety protocols. Currently, implemented protocols include appropriate personal protective equipment and hygiene protocols. Anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will not be permitted to participate.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to maintain the health and safety of both the public and our staff during this evolving situation.

A newsletter will be emailed to Stewards who have opted-in to be notified about in-field stewardship events with more details and registration information.

In case you have missed them or want to review them again, the [High Park Stewards Newsletters](#) are available on our blog. The [Stewards-at-Home](#) series of activities from 2020 are still available and are fun to do. Here is an updated [Stewards 2021 Review of High Park](#)

Spring Native Plant Sales (not HP)

There will not be a native plant sale in High Park this year but there are other groups where you can order your plants from. Our web page includes info on growing native plants and other resources. Check the page for additional sales being added.

NANPS - North American Native Plant Society. [Poster](#), [NANPS Sale](#) page - **advance orders must be placed by April 24.**

Project Swallowtail will have a native plant sale this spring. Orders will be accepted in late April for June pickup. Please [sign up](#) to their email list for newsletters and links. [Plant Sale - What to Expect \(pdf\)](#)

TBG - [Toronto Botanical Gardens May 7 and 6 Plant Sale](#). Also [Plantapalooza](#), various dates. A series of pop-up plant markets throughout the growing season featuring specialty garden and houseplants, unique trees and shrubs, native and pollinator-friendly collections, as well as sustainable, eco-friendly products.

Evergreen Brickworks [Garden Market](#).

The garden centre is fully stocked with Toronto's widest selection of Ontario native flowers,

plants and trees for gardens of all sizes—container on your condo countertop to your backyard in the city. Closed Mon and Tues.

Other High Park Groups

The High Park Natural Environment Committee (NEC) has a new [April 2022 Update](#).

High Park Nature Centre has onsite and on-line programs including walks, nature clubs, camps, field trips, Indigenous programs, adult and team building programs.

High Park Walking Tours are starting on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month. Please check back as walks are being added

Other Groups and Things to Do

This page lists the many groups working on biodiversity, gardening, nature protection and other related issues. A few highlights:

COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (CSP)

City of Toronto programs

This newsletter contains great information on other city stewardship groups. [Calendar of Stewardship Sessions](#). Also see Twitter [Toronto Forestry](#) and Facebook [Nature in the city](#) and the city website [Green Toronto Stewardship Program](#) and [Community Stewardship Newsletter September](#) and [Live Green Toronto. Spring 2022 newsletter](#)

TORONTO NATURE STEWARDS

TNS is 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. New sites will soon be available to join. If you want to lend a hand in helping nature in Toronto, please select [Become a Steward](#), then click on a site under Get Involved on the right-hand panel to message the Lead Steward, or join the [email list](#), or send a message using the [Contact Us](#) form.

Recordings and On-Demand Learning

There is a new page on our website with links to recordings of presentations and training sessions that you can review at your leisure. Groups include Toronto Parks and Forestry, TRCA, Seedy Saturday, Green Toronto, Toronto Public Library and the North American Native Plant Society. This page is updated regularly.

Elections and Advocacy Groups

There are municipal and provincial elections this year and many groups are gearing up to put nature in the forefront. Here is a [Advocacy Groups compilation \(pdf\)](#) of organizations that have campaigns supporting nature and a [ProtectNatureTO](#) web page that will be updated throughout the year.

[The Environmental Directory](#). Your gateway to Toronto environmental organizations, sustainable business, green jobs, environmental volunteering, courses and events in the Toronto area. Follow us for featured updates. Post your [environmental jobs](#) and [volunteer opportunities](#) to reach Toronto's green, environmental community.



It will soon be time for Garlic Mustard removal

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