



### Rare Plants of the Endangered High Park Black Oak Savannah

#### *A Volunteer Stewardship Program Guidebook*

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.

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Sessions are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month except December from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm rain or shine. For work sessions, we meet in front of the Grenadier Restaurant and go to our work sites from there. Tools are provided but dress covering your arms, legs and feet. Bring a hat, sunscreen and water.

Winter sessions are primarily educational and are held at the Howard Park Tennis Club, 430 Parkside Drive.

#### **2011 Summer/Fall Sessions** (subject to change)

Jun 26 - Maintenance of restoration sites

Jul 10 - Invasive Species Removal

Jul 24 - Restoration Tour (Core Group Priority)

Aug 14 - Invasive Species Removal

Aug 28 - Boulevard Beds

Sep 11 - Fall Planting

Sep 25 - Seed Collecting/Fence Repair

Oct 09 - Seed Collecting/Nursery Cleanup

Oct 23 - Buckthorn Removal

Nov 13 - Buckthorn Removal

Nov 27 - Buckthorn Removal & Pot-Luck Lunch



## High Park Stewards

# Volunteer Stewardship Program 2011



<http://www.highparknature.org/>

## ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

For those of us who care about the environment and the survival of creatures of all kinds, finding a way to actually do something to help, enhances our own lives and will be a legacy to be proud of.

Volunteer Stewards have been working with the City of Toronto since 1996, to protect and restore the remaining natural areas of High Park including large areas of Savannah with Black Oak trees and related flora and fauna.

During the spring, summer and fall we plant, collect seeds, and remove invasive species from restoration sites. The top current invasives include garlic mustard, tall sweet white clover, oriental bittersweet, Himalayan balsam and European buckthorn.

Our work in the park gives these rare native plants and dependent wildlife a fighting chance to prosper. It's amazing the difference a few hours a month can make.



**JOIN OUR TEAM!**

## HOW TO JOIN US

There are exciting opportunities for hands-on and educational sessions as well as new projects to enhance the natural areas of the park. We are now a program under the direct responsibility of City of Toronto Urban Forestry and have restructured how meetings are managed, provide volunteer training and are developing committees to enable us to use the expertise within our group to increase our knowledge and the effectiveness of our program. We hope that this will create a more rewarding and enjoyable volunteer experience.

Volunteers may choose between two basic types of membership: casual, those who attend on an infrequent basis, and Core who will be working behind the scenes on committees, becoming subject specialists, attending special training sessions, providing leadership within our sessions and/or committing to attend a number of sessions during the year or regularly during specific seasons. This creates continuity and ensures that we have enough people to attain our goals.



**Spring planting Sculpture Garden site**



**Transplanting in the greenhouse**

Benefits of core membership include participation in special activities with priority given to the core group members including greenhouse and native plant nursery events (where working space is limited), educational excursions and city-wide stewardship forums and workshops.

If you have a desire to become more involved and/or expertise in a wide variety of areas that could enhance our group, let us know how you would like to participate.

Contact [stewards@highparknature.org](mailto:stewards@highparknature.org) to be added to our email list and let us know of your interests. We hope that you will join us to protect nature in High Park.

Our annual native plant sale is held in the beginning of May. Check our website for details and for a great variety of information on the natural treasures of High Park. [www.highparknature.org](http://www.highparknature.org).