



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.

Books are available for purchase at all of our sessions for \$15 (cash). It is being reprinted in 2017.

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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. Toronto M6R 2Z3

2017 Winter and Spring Sessions

- Jan. 22: Stewards 20th anniversary
- Feb. 12: Greenhouse: Seed cleaning
- Feb. 26: Presentation: Biological control of Invasive plant species with W.D. McIlveen
- Mar 12: Greenhouse: Transplanting
- Mar 26: Presentation: Native Plants in your garden with Lorraine Johnson
- Apr 9: Nursery Cleanup
- Apr 23: Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation: protection of water and Toronto's ravines

May 7: Native Plant Sale

2017 summer and fall sessions

- May 28: Garlic Mustard Removal
- Jun 11: Spring planting
- Jun 25: Invasive plant Removal
- Jul 9: Invasive plant Removal
- Jul 23: Invasive plant Removal
- Aug 13: Invasive plant Removal
- Aug 27: Invasive plant Removal
- Sep 10: Fall planting
- Sep 24: Seed collecting
- Oct 22: Buckthorn Busting
- Nov 12: Buckthorn Busting
- Nov 26: Buckthorn Busting and Pot-luck lunch



High Park Stewards

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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 regionally rare 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 invasives currently threatening biodiversity mostly include garlic mustard, tall sweet white clover, oriental bittersweet, Himalayan balsam and European buckthorn.

Our conservation 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!

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 a program under the direct responsibility of City of Toronto Urban Forestry. We provide volunteer training and have project 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 creates a more rewarding and enjoyable volunteer experience.

Volunteers may choose between two basic types of free 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.



Invasive Species Removal – Garlic Mustard

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 us 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 will be held on May 7, 2017. Check our website for details and for a great variety of information on the natural treasures of High Park at:

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JOIN OUR TEAM!



Spring and fall plantings in restoration sites