

COMMUNITY SCIENCE WORKSHOP

MARCH 4, 2020

OTTAWA CONFERENCE AND EVENT CENTRE

**this is a draft agenda and is subject to change.*

8:30 am	Registration Opens (coffee and tea available)
9:00 am	Welcome and Opening
9:15 am	Session 1: Why is community science so important to invasive species? <i>Darlene Blair, Canadian Food Inspection Agency</i>
9:45 AM	Session 2: National Approaches to Community Science across Canada <i>Sharing lessons learned across National community science programs and how they have engaged communities and individuals in science and conservation.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Canadian Wildlife Federation (TBC) » Title TBC; <i>Gia Paola, Parks Canada</i> » Title TBC; <i>Nature Conservancy of Canada</i> » eBird Canada and the Christmas Bird Count; <i>Bird Studies Canada (TBC)</i> » Canada's Parks Day and how it's used as a milestone to engage communities across Canada; <i>Dawn Carr, Canadian Parks Council</i>
10:45 am	Refreshment Break and Networking
11:00 am	Session 3: Cross-Canada and Beyond Spotlight <i>Hear from experts from across Canadian provinces and territories, as well as the U.S., on initiatives which have engaged communities and individuals in reporting/engagement and lessons learned.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Pathways to prevention: Working with outdoor enthusiasts to mitigate opportunities for invasive species introduction & spread; <i>Sophie Monfette, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters</i> » The spiders of Prince Edward Island; experts and citizen scientists collaborate for faunistics; <i>Rosemary Curley, PEI Invasive Species Council</i> » Wild Spotter; <i>Mike Ielmini, US Forest Service</i> » The Invaders of Texas Program; <i>Hans Landel, Texas Invasives</i>

12:00 pm	Lunch and Networking
1:00 pm	Session 4: Moving Forward <i>Facilitated discussion with speakers and participants on how to continue to work together to address common goals and put forth recommended actions to strengthen engagement of Canadians in the reporting of invasive species across Canada.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » What are lessons learned from the current programs and how do we apply them nationally? » What do we need to do to strengthen citizen engagement in reporting invasive species? » Who are the main groups that need to work together? » What are the steps for a national action plan? » How do we measure progress and effectiveness?
2:45 pm	Closing Comments
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