

COMMUNITY SCIENCE WORKSHOP

MARCH 4, 2020

OTTAWA CONFERENCE AND EVENT CENTRE – ROOM 209

**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	<p>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></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » 9:45 <i>Canadian Wildlife Federation (TBC)</i> » 10:00 How Parks Canada uses citizen science and iNaturalist to engage the public in Science and Conservation, <i>Gia Paola, Parks Canada</i> » 10:15 Citizen Science in Eastern Ontario – Nature Conservancy of Canada, <i>Megan Quinn, Nature Conservancy of Canada</i> » 10:30 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	<p>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></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » 11:00 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> » 11:15 The spiders of Prince Edward Island; experts and citizen scientists collaborate for faunistics, <i>Rosemary Curley, Nature PEI</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » 11:30 <i>Wild Spotter™ - Mapping Invasives In America's Wild Places</i>: A nationwide program to boost citizen-science volunteer capacity for invasive species programs, <i>Mike Ielmini, US Forest Service</i> » 11:45 <i>The Invaders of Texas Program</i>; <i>Hans Landel, Texas Invasives</i>
12:00 pm	Lunch and Networking
1:00 pm	<p>Session 4: Moving Forward <i>Facilitated discussion with speakers and participants on building a national action plan to increase citizen engagement and early reporting of invasive species.</i></p> <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? How do we work together? » Other recommendations? » How do we measure progress and effectiveness?
2:45 pm	Closing Comments
3:00 pm	Adjourn

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