



Native Prairie Speaker Series

Title: Native pollinators: Who they are and how to help them out.

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Summary: Pollinators are a diverse group of insects responsible for ecosystem health and food production. Unfortunately, many of these beneficial insects are on the decline due to a combination of stressors. This presentation will introduce some of our most important native pollinators, why they're in decline, and what can be done to help them out. The content has a prairie focus and is suited to a general audience interested in pollinator conservation.

About the Speaker: Sarah Semmler studied entomology and prairie ecology, and now applies those interests to her role as curator of the Living Prairie Museum in Winnipeg, Manitoba. She is the secretary of the Entomological Society of Manitoba, a member of the Poweshiek Skipperling Canadian Recovery Group, and the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) Arthropods Specialist Subcommittee. She is also member of Bee Better Manitoba, a local initiative that works to provide guidance on creating pollinator-friendly habitat.

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