

Oregon Bee Atlas: Bee ID Workshop

Saturday 17 February 2018 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM



This is the fifth in a series of workshops OSU Extension Pollinator Health is hosting around the state to train and equip teams of volunteers – made up of motivated and curious individuals like you – to begin surveying and learning the bees in your area. This free day-long workshop will train you in the basics of native bee specimen collection, curation and beginning identification: all the things you will need to begin sampling for native bees in your region in 2018. No previous entomological experience is necessary. Join us and gain incredible tools to open up the world of native bees up to you and your community.

Location: Public Works Auditorium 2060 NE Lafayette Ave, McMinnville OR 97128

To register, email Michael O'Loughlin at molfamily@earthlink.net. Space is limited.

Do I need to bring anything?

- Bring a notebook.
- We will be supplying microscopes, bee specimens, pinning supplies, etc.
- Lunch and snacks will not be provided, so plan accordingly.
- We will also be providing a binder with basic information on how to collect and curate specimens and bee identification to genera.
- We also have copies of *The Bees in your Backyard: A Guide to North America's Bees* (which is an excellent resource for getting to know the bee genera, but not necessary for the course) that we will be selling at cost - \$20 (we ask you prepay for *The Bees in your Backyard* by making a donation to the Pollinator Health program - <http://agresearchfoundation.oregonstate.edu/oregon-bee-project> – if you can also kick in an additional \$10 that will cover the binder and printing costs that would be helpful – any donations above that will be put towards the **Oregon Bee Project**).

By taking this training we are expecting you will contribute to the Oregon Bee Atlas, which is an ongoing effort to survey the native bees of Oregon, with long-term goals of creating tools to assess their overall health. At minimum we expect that you will catch and pin some bees this upcoming summer, make sure these specimens are properly stored and information on them recorded and help with two outreach events in your community this summer.

Master Gardeners will receive 8 hours of credit towards certification as an approved citizen science project.