

# Pollinator Steward Certification



A PROGRAM OF  
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## Module 5a: Habitat Creation Yards, Gardens, and Balconies

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Protect their lives. Preserve ours.

# Housekeeping:

- This week's recording will be shared on the Course Information page by Friday. All recordings will be available until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026
- Closed captioning is available – enable in your controls.
- Please put questions in the Q&A box.
- Questions for panelists will be answered at the end of the session.
- Scan the Wordly QR code or use the links we sent for translation services.
- Contact [stewards@pollinator.org](mailto:stewards@pollinator.org) for registration issues, questions, etc.
- Engage in respect and kindness with each other in the chat.
- We suggest that you write down in point form or 1-2 sentences the key takeaways from each training while you are attending live.



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# Tonight's Speakers!



**Jordan Phelps**  
Bee City Canada Coordinator  
Pollinator Partnership Canada



**Sara Wittenberg**  
Bee Friendly Garden Manager  
Pollinator Partnership

# Gardening at Home



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- What/who are you starting with?
- Who would you like to control?
- Who would you like to thrive?
- What additions do you need?
- Organize your timeline with the seasons



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# Project Timeline

- Understanding pollinator lifecycles so we can plant for them
- Know your plants, and plan according to their preferences
  - Annual
  - Perennial
  - Ornamental
  - Native



# Resources and Funding

- Tools
- Soil and amendments
- Signage
- Plants
  - Seeds, plugs, pots, trimmings, root remnants, and rescues
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# Pesticide, Herbicides, and Fungicides

- Pesticides can have lethal or sublethal effects
- Herbicides can reduce forage
- Fungicides are often part of seed coatings, and more research needs to be done on the impacts
  
- Alternatives include **Beneficial insects**
  - Larvae of hoverflies, lady beetles, dragonflies, wasps



# Course Information Page:

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**website:** <https://www.pollinator.org/psc/course-info>

**username:** PollinatorSteward

**password:** psc2026

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# Wrap Up:

- **Wednesday, March 11th**, we will focus on habitat creation on a large scale for those who manage rights-of-way, parks, roadsides, and municipalities.
- **Thursday, March 12th**, we will complete our habitat modules with a focus on supporting pollinators in agricultural landscapes.

For certification, attendance (or later viewing) of **ONE** of the three habitat sessions this week is required

