

Habitat & Conservation Practices for Beneficial Insects on Farms: Predators, Parasites and Pollinators



A free workshop for agricultural professionals and growers

Monday April 21, 2008 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

At the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center, with a visit to Omeg Orchards to see award-winning beneficial insect habitat

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At the end of the workshop, participants will know:

- How pollinator, parasitic, and predatory insects are important for our food systems
- The importance of habitat nearby crops for these insects
- Practical steps that can be taken to improve beneficial insect populations on farms



Beneficial insects live wild in agricultural landscapes and can provide valuable services to farms. Predatory and parasitic insects are critically important for helping to keep pest insects in check, and native bees can be significant pollinators of crops. However, to maximize their contribution to farms, these beneficial insects require natural habitat features that are often lacking in farm landscapes. This workshop will discuss how to use conservation buffers and other on-farm habitat to increase populations of these beneficial insects—and the important services they provide—to enhance farm production and improve environmental quality.

This workshop will be followed up by a second workshop in the fall which will reinforce and expand the skills learned here and strengthen the capacity of agricultural professionals to advise growers.

Speakers:

Paul Jepson, Director of the Integrated Plant Protection Center at Oregon State University

Matthew Shepherd, Senior Conservation Associate at the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation.

Coffee & tea will be provided; please bring \$10 for lunch from the Discovery Center deli. Food from outside is not permitted at the Discovery Center. *Note:* Participants will have to provide their own transportation between the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Omeg Orchards. Car pooling is strongly encouraged.



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