

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



A free workshop for agricultural professionals and growers

Tuesday May 13, 2008 from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, at Persephone Farm in Lebanon, Oregon
Featuring presentations by experts in the field and a farm walk to view beneficial habitat

5 CEU credits available for CCAs; sign up at workshop

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At the end of the workshop, participants will know:

- How pollinator, parasitic, and predatory insects are important in 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 OSU

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

Snacks and beverages will be provided; please bring a bagged lunch. Detailed directions to Persephone Farm will be emailed to participants once they register. Car pooling is strongly encouraged; parking space is limited.



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