

Critical Issues: Protecting our Natural Habitat

When

Friday, January 21, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 12:15 PM EST

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This is an online event using Zoom



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Greetings!

Please join us for a discussion of two issues that are critical in protecting our natural habitat, particularly our native flora. Ohio has over 1,800 native plant species and, of these, about 1/3 are listed as rare in Ohio. Learn from the experts what you can do to help protect and conserve the important natural bounty that supports us.

Ohio's Endangered and Threatened Plants: Current Status, Efforts to Conserve, and How You Can Help

~Rick Gardener, Chief Botanist for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Natural Areas and Preserves

Managing for Invasive Weeds: Early Detection, Rapid Response

~Grai Oleksy, Assistant Land Steward for the Natural Areas Department at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History

About the Presenters

Rick Gardener has been studying Ohio's flora and natural areas for nearly 28 years. He has spent most of his career in the Division of Natural Areas and Preserves but has worked for the Division of Wildlife and The Nature Conservancy of Ohio. Rick will discuss Ohio's rare plants, why they are rare, conservation success and challenges and how you can help ensure Ohio's botanical heritage is preserved for future.

Grai Oleksy is Assistant Land Steward for the Natural Areas Department at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. With a background in professionally controlling invasive weeds in northeast Ohio, along with working in community gardening and recently urban market gardening, Grai will discuss how to manage invasive weeds.

There is no fee for this event, but you must register if you want to attend.

Registration ends Thursday, January 20 at Noon

Information on how to connect to the online webinar will be sent to all registrants on January 20.

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Sincerely,

Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County

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