

Loosestrife Beetle Release



Biological control of invasive Purple Loosestrife in London's Environmentally Significant Areas (ESA)

All Welcome!

Where: 1 Cove Road
(Then, we will proceed to
Coves ESA, East Pond
boardwalk)

When: 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Wed. June 7, 2017


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Meet Donna MacKenzie M.Sc. of [Ontario Beetles](#) and participate in a beetle release. Donna will provide a short talk at the [Coves ESA](#) East Pond boardwalk. Optional walk to Coves ESA Elmwood Gateway trail after the event.

In 1992, the Canadian government approved the release of two European leaf-eating beetles, *Neogalerucella calmariensis* and *N. pusilla*. The beetles are natural enemies of purple loosestrife. This biological control of purple loosestrife can reduce populations by up to 90 per cent and allows native plants to re-establish. The beetles have successfully controlled Purple Loosestrife in London's ESAs and across North America.

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