

Southern Alberta Native Seed Collaborative Strategic Planning Workshop Agenda November 17, 2023 Claresholm, Alberta

The objective of this workshop is to collaboratively develop concrete actions to improve the native seed supply for Southern Alberta prairie restoration projects. The workshop will focus on two key targets – improving native seed production and wild seed harvesting. Collective actions identified in this workshop will be incorporated into a strategic plan along with actions linked to other key targets.

Friday November 17, 2023

8:30 – 8:40	Build a Strong Foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome and land acknowledgement• Introduction to the Southern Alberta Native Seed Collaborative
8:40 – 9:00	National Native Seed Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation: John Wilmshurst, Native Grassland Conservation Manager, Canadian Wildlife Federation
9:00 – 9:20	Introduction to Workshop Format and Goals
<i>Breakout Group #1: Improving Seed Production</i>	
9:20 – 9:35	Improving Native Seed Production <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presentation: John Skinner - Skinner Native Seeds, Manitoba
9:35 – 9:45	Break and get into break out groups
9:45 – 10:45	Breakout Group Exercise <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barriers and Solutions to improve native seed multiplication.
10:45 – 10:50	Break and return to full group.
10:50 – 11:15	Breakout group presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Each group highlights key Barriers and Solutions (~5 min/group)
11:15 – 11:45	Group Discussion and Prioritization Exercise

11:45 – 12:30 LUNCH

Breakout Group #2: Wild Harvesting Native Seed

12:30 – 12:45 **Perspectives on the Challenges of Native Seed Harvesting**

- Presentation: Vince Petherbridge, Envirosapes

12:45 – 12:50 **Get into Breakout Groups**

12:50 – 13:50 **Breakout Group Exercise**

- Barriers and Solutions to improve wild seed harvesting.

13:50 – 14:00 **Break and return to full group.**

14:00 – 14:25 **Breakout group presentations**

- Each group highlights key Barriers and Solutions (~5 min/group)

14:25 – 15:00 **Group Discussion and Prioritization Exercise**

WRAP-UP

15:00 – 15:15 **Closing remarks and future directions**