



# ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION SPEAKER REGISTRATION REQUEST FORM

To add your name to our Speaker's List on [gardenontario.org](http://gardenontario.org) please fill in the following form and email to:

Rose Odell at [speakers@gardenontario.org](mailto:speakers@gardenontario.org)

**Name:** **First:** Kristen **Last:** Martyn

## Biography:

**BIO (For Introductions):** Kristen Martyn is a birder, Master Naturalist, photographer, avid native plant gardener, and Bird Feeding Specialist currently pursuing a Landscape Design Diploma. Her passion for the natural world led her to earn a Bachelor of Science in Zoology and complete post-graduate studies in Ecotourism and Adventure Tourism Management. Kristen is the owner of Wild Birds Unlimited Barrie and Wild Birds Unlimited Newmarket, two backyard bird-feeding and nature specialty stores. She greatly enjoys teaching others about birds, native plants, and the natural world.

**Qualifications & Experience:** Kristen Martyn holds a Bachelor of Science in Zoology and a post-graduate diploma in Ecotourism and Adventure Tourism Management. She is a Certified Master Naturalist, holds a Pollinator Stewardship Certification, and is currently completing a Landscape Design Diploma through the University of Guelph. Kristen has extensive hands-on experience in native plant gardening, pollinator-friendly and bird-friendly habitat design, and ecological landscaping. As the owner of Wild Birds Unlimited Barrie and Newmarket, she combines scientific training, practical experience, and public education, delivering engaging, photograph-rich presentations for horticultural societies, garden clubs, and naturalist groups.

Please provide a brief description of your qualifications, skills and/or experience

## Contact Information:

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**Facebook, Instagram and YouTube:** @KristenMartyn @WBUBarrie @WBUNewmarket

**Phone:** Phone contact details are available upon booking. Please direct all inquiries to the email address above.

**Home Location:** New Tecumseth, ON

## Please list the District & Society you belong to:

**Society:**

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**Please select all the Districts that you would travel to:**

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**X**- Entire District

**X**- Majority of district (with some exceptions)

## Topic List

For each entry, please list a topic from the list below, a title and a brief description noting any costs, restrictions, i.e. time of year, and any other special requirements.

**Choose a TOPIC from the following:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Backyard Birds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gardening	Propagating
Bulbs/Tuber	Herbs	Pruning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environment	Houseplant	Vegetables
Floral Design	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native Plants	
Fungi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pollinators	

Topic	Title	Description
Below is a list of my five most frequently requested presentations. A complete list of available topics, titles, and detailed descriptions can be found on my website: <a href="https://kristenmartyn.com/speaking/">https://kristenmartyn.com/speaking/</a> .		
Presentations are offered year-round, although some topics are better suited to specific seasons. Custom presentations are available with adequate advance notice; fees for custom content are determined on a case-by-case basis depending on scope and preparation required.		
Presentation topics include backyard birds, wildlife, native plant gardening and pollinators.		
For technical setup, I provide my own laptop and projector. I require the following from the host:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A projection screen or clear wall</li><li>• One to two tables</li><li>• Access to a power outlet or extension cord</li></ul>		

Backyard Birds	<b>Bird Feeding 101</b>	Bird feeding has become our number one form of interaction with wildlife. By some estimates, more than half the households in North America put out food for wild birds at least occasionally. Such popularity is easy to understand. Would you like to join in on the excitement of one of North America's most popular hobbies – backyard bird feeding? Do you already feed the birds, but need help attracting a greater variety of birds to your feeders? This presentation is packed full of birds photos, and is a must hear for anyone who is currently feeding birds or is interested in making their outdoor space wildlife friendly.
Backyard Birds/Native Plants	<b>Gardening for the Birds</b>	Creating a refuge in your own backyard will improve the lives of birds and other wildlife and it is a fun and rewarding activity for your family, too. Join Kristen as she explores how you can create a garden for the birds and other wildlife to enjoy. In this presentation Kristen will focus on the four key elements of attracting wildlife as well as the use of specific types of plants (with emphasis on native plants). This presentation is packed full of photos of local backyard birds and wildlife, and is a must hear for anyone who enjoys gardening and is always looking for ways to bring wildlife into their yard.
Native Plants	<b>Gardening For the Future</b>	We are entering into a new age of gardening. One where our yards and gardens are one of our closest links to the natural world and provide vital habitat for birds and wildlife. This presentation focuses on how to create functional gardens that attract more birds and wildlife and support local ecosystems by enhancing biodiversity. Join Kristen, as she explores several key topics in wildlife gardening including the use of native plants, garden styles and attracting birds and wildlife. Throughout this presentation Kristen will touch on experiences from her wildlife gardening journey.
Backyard Birds	<b>Hummingbirds: Nature's Miracle</b>	Against all odds hummingbirds are truly nature's miracle! The Ruby-throated Hummingbird is one of the smallest birds in the world, and yet it is a champion acrobat and long-distance flyer. In this presentation Kristen focuses on hummingbird feeding and foraging, nesting behaviour, migration and profiles the natural history of our local Ruby-throated Hummingbirds. This presentation looks at the fascinating lives of hummingbirds and provides helpful tips for attracting them to your yard.
Backyard Birds	<b>20 Things You Didn't Know About Backyard Birds</b>	A backyard in Ontario may be home to as 20-30 (or more!) species of birds during the year. Our backyard birds provide us with hours of

		entertainment as we watch them go about their daily lives; however there is still lots of learn about our feathered friends. In this presentation we dive in for a closer look at the interesting lives of our backyards birds and examine broader issues that affect the lives of our feathered friends. This presentation features wonderful photos and is a must hear for anyone who enjoys watching and feeding their backyard birds.
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## Files to add to listing:

Please send any pdf documents to market your topics/workshops including the audio/visual requirements form so our societies know what equipment/services are required.

## Do you present in Person, on Zoom or both?

In person only –

On Zoom only –

In person and on Zoom -  Both

## Authorization & Release

I, Kristen Martyn, grant the Ontario Horticultural Association:

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- Use of my identity or likeness in photographic images and/or video and/or testimonials as described above.
- The permission to identify me by name and/or society/organization and such identifiers as hometown (if applicable).

Signature: *Kristen Martyn*

Date: January 22, 2026