



# ONTARIO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION SPEAKER REGISTRATION REQUEST FORM

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**Name: First** Lydia **Last** Wong

## Biography:

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

I'm a PhD candidate at the university of Ottawa in the department of Biology (I did my undergrad at the university of Toronto specializing in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology). My research explores the consequences of warming and drying climates on wild bee and wasp populations. I conduct field work both in Colorado Rockies, but also locally in Toronto and in Ottawa where I'm currently running a citizen science-driven study exploring the impacts of urban heat island effect on city-dwelling bees and wasps. In the past I've enjoyed giving talks for various groups including the Ottawa-Carleton Master Gardeners, the Gloucester Horticultural Society, the Barrhaven Garden Club, Almonte Field Naturalists and the Ottawa Quakers. I've also enjoyed giving guided public hikes and running outdoor youth programs in both Toronto and in Ottawa. A website with some information on my citizen science project can be found here: <https://citycavitynesters.wixsite.com/beeswasps>. Blogs I've written on bee and wasp-related topics sometimes appear on the wild pollinator partners site: <https://wildpollinators-pollinisateurssauvages.ca/blog/> I also occasionally post bee/wasp-related content on twitter ([https://twitter.com/Ldia\\_wong](https://twitter.com/Ldia_wong)) and Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/little.lyd.wong/>)

## Contact Information:

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**Phone:**

**Home Location:** I'm back and forth between Toronto and Ottawa, sometimes I'm in the Belleville/Trenton area

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## 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:

Bulbs/Tuber

Environment

Floral Design

Fungi

Gardening

Herbs

Houseplants

Native Plants

Pollinators

Propagating

Pruning

Vegetables

Topic	Title	Description
Pollinators	All the buzz on city bees: who are they, and what are they up to?	Toronto is home to over 300 bee and wasp species. Some live underground, others collect wool to line their nests, and still others make their living off of sneaking into the nests of neighbours. Who are these fascinating six-legged fliers and what can we do to make our gardens welcoming to them?
Environment	What it means to be a bee in a hot, dry world?	A dive into some of my research on the effects of climate change on wild bees
Gardening/Na tive plants	The garden from a bee and wasp's-eye view	A look into what it takes to make gardens friendly places for bee and wasp neighbours

## Files to add to listing:

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**Signature:** *Lydia Wong*

**Date:** December 6, 2022