



# 2016

## URBAN BEEKEEPING TRAINING

So you want to become an urban beekeeper in Edmonton?

One of the first steps to successfully receiving your beekeeping license from the City of Edmonton is to meet training and mentorship requirements. Applicants must submit proof of completion of a beekeeping course from an accepted organization/association. If this is the first time you have kept bees in an urban environment, you must include proof of support and assistance from a mentor. Please see the Urban Beekeeping Guidelines for further details at [edmonton.ca/bees](http://edmonton.ca/bees).

The following courses are approved by the City of Edmonton and can help you get started.

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## INTRODUCTION TO URBAN BEEKEEPING

*Offered by: John Janzen Nature Centre*

### SESSION 1

**Dates:** May 14–15, 2016

(May 14 9:00am–5:00pm, May 15 9:00am– 1:00pm)

**Course #:** 560172

**Cost:** \$250

**Location:** John Janzen Nature Centre

### SESSION 2

**Dates:** May 21–22, 2016

(May 21 9:00am–5:00pm, May 22 9:00am– 1:00pm)

**Course:** #560173

**Cost:** \$250

**Location:** John Janzen Nature Centre

Have you always wanted to step out your back door and see your very own beehive? This one-and-a-half-day course teaches the skills needed to have a successful hive. Topics covered in class include honeybee lifecycle, hive management, honeybee behaviors, bee and hive selection, and City of Edmonton regulations about urban beekeeping. On the second day, you'll get hands on with a hive learning proper hive set up, how to safely collect honey and deliver medications. After the course, you'll have the opportunity to be part of a mentorship community to assist with troubleshooting problems with your hive. This is an approved course for those interested in becoming an urban beekeeper in the City of Edmonton.

Course prices may vary due to varying course lengths, number of sessions, option to purchase materials, etc.

To register, call 311 or visit [edmonton.ca/activities\\_parks\\_recreation/animal-nature-awareness-adult.aspx](http://edmonton.ca/activities_parks_recreation/animal-nature-awareness-adult.aspx).

For more information contact Beckie Boutilier, Natural History Program Coordinator, John Janzen Nature Centre, 780–496–2916 or [rebekah.boutilier@edmonton.ca](mailto:rebekah.boutilier@edmonton.ca).



## BEGINNER BEEKEEPER WORKSHOP

*Offered by the Alberta Beekeepers Commission,  
in partnership with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry*

**Lecture date:** March 4–5, 2016, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

**Field date:** May 14, 2016, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

**Final date for registration:** March 29, 2016

**Cost:** \$225 + GST

**Location:** Crop Diversification Centre 17507 Fort Road, Edmonton.

This workshop is for people who have not kept bees yet. This two-and-a-half-day course focuses on the biology and management of honey bees in Alberta. Students will learn the practical aspects of purchasing bees, bee equipment, seasonal management, pest and disease management, how to safely handle bees, and honey production, extraction, and marketing. It includes a hands-on session in May that will train participants on how to start and become active beekeepers. The registration fee includes the book *Beekeeping in Western Canada*, the CAPA publication *Bee Pests and Diseases*, and lunch for both days. If you already have the book, please deduct the cost of the book (\$25) from the registration fee. This course is very popular and enrollment is limited, so early registration is recommended. Speakers include Dr Medhat Nasr, Provincial Apiculturist; Samantha Muirhead, Apiculture Technologist; Pramod Kumar, On Farm Food Safety Specialist; and Tom Hegan and Tracey Smith, beekeepers.

Register at the Alberta Beekeeper Commission website or for more information contact Tracey Smith at [northcookinglake@gmail.com](mailto:northcookinglake@gmail.com).





## BEGINNER BEEKEEPER WORKSHOP

*Offered by Edmonton District Beekeepers Association*

**Dates:** Choice of March 19 / April 16 / May 7, 2016

8:30am to 1:30pm

**Cost:** \$60

Mentoring sessions are included in the cost, and will likely be on Friday nights and Saturday mornings from May to August. For more information or to register contact Malcolm Connell at [connellmjm@hotmail.com](mailto:connellmjm@hotmail.com).

## INTERMEDIATE BEEKEEPER WORKSHOP

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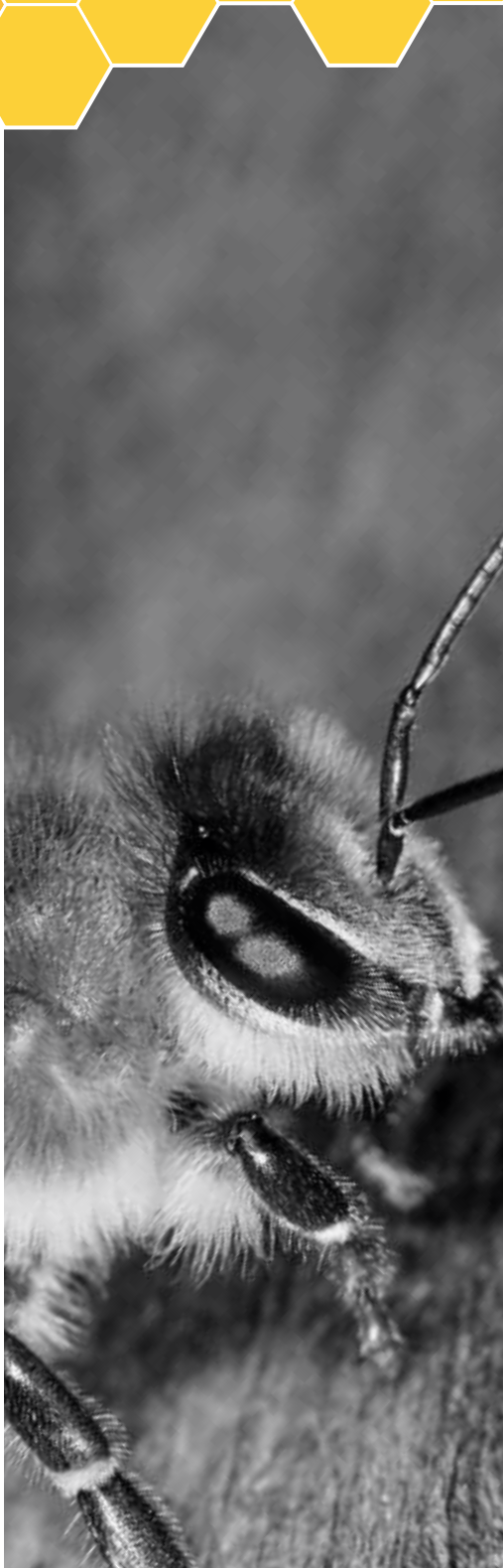
**Dates:** April 16, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

**Cost:** \$100 + GST

**Location:** Crop Diversification Centre 17507 Fort Road, Edmonton.

The one day Intermediate Beekeeping Workshop is designed as the next step for beekeepers who have kept honey bees for at least one season. This workshop builds on the beginner workshop and your own experience over the year by going over seasonal management and disease management in more detail. This is a great time to ask the experts all those questions you have after beekeeping for a season or two (or ten!). The cost includes lunch and a booklet of reading materials.

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## For More Support

The Edmonton Beekeepers Forum is a space maintained by the Edmonton District Beekeepers' Association to mentor new beekeepers in the Edmonton region, make announcements, discuss issues, buy and sell bees and equipment. To subscribe free of charge, contact [connellnmjm@hotmail.com](mailto:connellnmjm@hotmail.com).