

Riverwood is located in the Carolinian Life Zone in southwestern Ontario, the northernmost part of Canada's Eastern Deciduous forest. This zone is of particular interest as it hosts numerous native plant species found nowhere else in the country. Many of these species are endangered due to loss of habitat or years of over-harvesting from the wild.

The walk and talk includes native plant identification, discussions on their importance for biodiversity, need for environmental conservation, and natural history. The participants are encouraged to share their plant related stories or conservation effort in their own neighbourhoods and gardens.

After the walk, the participants are invited to visit the native plant sale organized by the North American Native Plant Society (NANPS) in partnership with The Riverwood Conservancy (TRC), and TRC's Native Plant Propagation (NP3) educational booth, to learn more about how they could get involved in native plant conservation efforts.

The guided tour is offered by Nina Katalin Barabas PhD, plant biologist, herbalist and co-author of "Wildflowers of Riverwood: Field guide to wildflowers of Mississauga's urban oasis and the Greater Toronto Area" and Elisa Sessa, Environmental Studies graduate at the University of Toronto Mississauga, Stewardship Committee member and Conservation Leader at The Riverwood Conservancy.







