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ACT and Region Biodiversity Monitoring Project - Free community training sessions

You are invited to be part of the ACT and region community-based biodiversity monitoring project.

The Molonglo Catchment Group are holding biodiversity monitoring training sessions for community groups in the ACT region. This project is being implemented with assistance from the Australian Government's Caring for our Country program and the ACT Government.

The training sessions are designed to provide community groups with the necessary skills and equipment to undertake simple vegetation monitoring that is directly relevant to their needs while also providing meaningful long-term information about different sites across the region.

Sarah Sharp, co-author of the *Vegetation Monitoring Manual, A Step-by-Step Guide to Monitoring Native Vegetation in the ACT*, will conduct all training, sharing her wealth of knowledge and practical expertise in the field of vegetation monitoring.

Training session details

The training sessions will be implemented in three stages as outlined below:

1) Planning days: 9.30am-12.30pm Wednesday 16th or Tuesday 22nd November 2011

- Introducing the ACT and region biodiversity monitoring project
- Reviewing the ACT Vegetation Survey and Monitoring Manual and identifying what community groups can use it for.
- Discussing each community group's activities and what they would like to monitor
- Understanding monitoring: deciding what to do, developing goals and plans, and how to make the most of the information gathered

2) Field training days: 9.30am-12.30pm Friday 25th or Saturday 26th November 2011

- Gaining practical experience implementing monitoring techniques

3) Monitoring days: Dates/times to be determined with each group during planning days

- Commencing site specific monitoring with expert assistance

Further information will be sent to each group to consider before the workshop to ensure they get the most out of the day. Participants will be given instruction material, a set of recording sheets and a CD containing the manual. Morning/afternoon tea will also be provided so all you need to bring is information about your group and your enthusiasm!

How to register

To register your group's interest in participating in this project please contact Debbie Saunders projects@molonglocatchment.org.au or 0422 881 685 and provide the names, contact details and dates for up to five people from your group who would like to attend.