



O&R and Dominican College COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES WORKSHOP SERIES

Come learn about our local environment!

This monthly free workshop series will cover diverse topics geared towards learning about our local environment and what we can all do to become good stewards of our communities. Workshops will be led by experts and are free to members of the community. Participants can sign up for individual sessions or the whole series.

Introduction to the Biodiversity of Rockland County

JULY 24, 2021, 10:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M.

Learn to recognize the biodiversity around you and explore the connection between biodiversity and our own well-being.

Workshop leader: *Dr. Regina Alvarez,*
Assistant Professor of Biology, Dominican College
and Instructor at the New York Botanical Garden.

Community Science: The People's 21st Century Flora

AUGUST 21, 2021, 10:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M.

EcoFloras of North America is an innovative model for connecting people to plant collections, nature, and urban biodiversity, combining existing knowledge from herbaria and libraries with real-time observations of plants and their ecological partners.

Workshop leader: *Daniel Atha,* Director of
Conservation Outreach, New York Botanical Garden

The Natural History of Insects

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021, 10:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M.

Delve into the world of the creatures that make up 84% of the Animal Kingdom. Learn about the roles insects play in maintaining healthy ecosystems as well as their fascinating life cycles and complex social systems.

Workshop leader: *Ken Chaya,* President of the
Linnaean Society of New York and Instructor at
the New York Botanical Garden

The Unseen Universe: Microbial Diversity Under Our Feet

OCTOBER 16, 2021, 10:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M.

Explore the microbes from soil and water using next generation computational technologies and learn about the connection of microbes to environmental and public health.

Workshop leader: *Dr. Bernadette Connors,*
Associate Professor of Biology, Dominican College