

# **Sheila Colla**

**Assistant Professor, Faculty of Environmental Studies at York University**

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Dr. Colla is an interdisciplinary Conservation Biologist interested in pollinator conservation and evidence-based policy.

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## **Biography**

Dr. Sheila Colla is an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Environmental Studies at York University in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Her research deals with the conservation of at-risk species including native pollinators and wildflowers. She also works with NGOs and policymakers to advise conservation management across North America. In 2014, she launched a North American Citizen Science project, BumbleBeeWatch.org, with various partners. This allows the public to help build a long term database of bumblebees which can be used to look at changes in abundance and distribution over time in light of global change.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Environmental Services, Writing and Editing, Non-Profit/Charitable

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Conservation Biology, Pollination, Ecology, Environmental Policy, Wildlife Management, Protected Areas

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## **Affiliations**

Deputy Chair, Committee on the Status of At-Risk Species in Ontario (COSSARO), Pollinator Advisory Group, City of Toronto, Co-Chair Biodiversity & Habitat subgroup, Science Advisor, Wildlife Preservation Canada

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## **Education**

**York University**

PhD Biology

**University of Toronto, St. George Campus**

Honours B.Sc. Zoology

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## **Accomplishments**

**Liber Ero Fellow**

This fellowship seeks to support early-career scientists to conduct and communicate world-class research that informs conservation and management issues relevant to Canada. Conservation science includes natural, social, and interdisciplinary research pursuits.

**The Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarships-Doctoral Program (CGS D)**

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