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Native Prairie Speaker Series Webinar

Growing Canada's Native Seed Industry: Insights from a Nuffield Canada Scholar's European Journey

Thursday November 21st, 2024 at 12:00pm

Speaker: Renny W. Grilz, P.Ag.
2024 Nuffield Canada Contemporary Scholar Blazing Star Wildflower Seed Company

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About the Speaker:

Renny W. Grilz, PAg, is a 2024 Nuffield Canada Contemporary Scholar, undertaking a year long project to explore native seed product and seedbanking to grow the native seed industry in Western Canada. He spent six-weeks this summer meeting with native seed producers, restoration practitioners and seedbanking programs in England, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Germany, Estonia, and Latvia, including the Society for Ecological Restoration Europe Conference in Tartu, Estonia. This fall, his study expands across North America, beginning with the SER North America Conference in Vancouver, then moving to the Native Seed Network Conference in Arizona in February and meeting with seed producers throughout the winter and into spring.

With over 30 years in conservation, Renny serves as Resource Management Officer for the Meewasin Valley Authority in Saskatoon. He's a founding member of the recently created Native Seed Producers of Canada and co-owner of Blazing Star Wildflower Seed Company. His Nuffield project focuses on developing native seed networks and establishing a native seed bank in Western Canada, furthering prairie conservation efforts across Western Canada.

About this Webinar:

In the summer of 2024, Renny Grilz embarked on a six-week journey across Europe as part of his Nuffield Canada Agricultural Scholarship, exploring the native seed industry and innovative habitat restoration practices. He engaged with a wide range of restoration methodologies, including rewilding, meadow-making, woodland meadows, and urban naturalization projects, while visiting native seed producers to learn about wild harvesting, provenance tracking, and large-scale seed production. Renny will share insights from successful European initiatives, such as the EU's Natural Restoration Law and England's Biodiversity Net Gain program, and explore how these practices can inspire growth in the Canadian native seed industry, with the goal of expanding its role in habitat restoration and biodiversity conservation.

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Hosted by: Caitlin Mroz-Sailer, Stewardship Coordinator, Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan

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