



2022 Science Lecture Series



Pollinators and Other Insects in Alaska's

Gardens

**With Derek Sikes, University of Alaska Fairbanks
And Joey Slowik, UA Matanuska Experiment Farm
Wednesday, February 9, 2022 7pm Alaska time**

Online Only



Pre-registration required. Find the link at www.wise-edu.org
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Derek Sikes, Curator of Insects and Professor of Entomology at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, will present on the diverse many legged animals that often visit gardens in Alaska, both the beneficial pollinators and predators, and less welcome visitors. Joey Slowik, Integrated Pest Management Technician at the Matanuska Experiment Farm, will present on ways to encourage beneficials and how to handle some of the more common problems that gardeners face.

As curator of Insects for the University of Alaska Museum and professor of entomology in the Department of Biology and Wildlife, Derek Sikes, has been working since 2006 to improve the Alaskan state insect collection, teach entomology to UAF students and the public, and expand knowledge of Alaska's most numerous animals. Derek specializes in molecular and morphological based phylogenetics, taxonomy, and faunistics of nonmarine Alaskan arthropods, principally Coleoptera (beetles).

As an Integrated Pest Management Technician at the Matanuska Experiment Farm and Extension Center in Palmer, Joey works with both commercial and home gardeners on their complex pest issues. Joey's current research includes working with herbicide persistence, examining new potential biocontrol agents, and developing IPM techniques for the ever present slug problem. Joey was one of Derek's early phylogenetics graduate students at UAF and has continued to work with the biology and taxonomy of Alaskan spiders.

