

Rich Little currently teaches Basic Entomology, Advance Entomology, Integrated Pest Management, Rearing Mason Bees, Native Bees as Pollinators, Plant diagnostics, Soil biology, & Garden Myths for Master Gardeners & the public.

Richard Little is a graduate of the University of California at Riverside with a bachelor degree in Entomology.

- He worked for the California Department of Food & Agriculture as an Exclusion Biologist for eight years.
- He retired as a Deputy Agriculture Commissioner with responsibility in the Pest Exclusion, Pest Detection, & Pest Management/Eradication programs and their staff.
- Became a Master Gardener in 2011 for Linn/Benton Co. Voted as Master Gardener of the year 2013 in Linn County.
- Recipient of Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs 2014 Horticulture Award.
- Served as Governor Appointee to the Oregon Joint Interim Task Force on Pollinator Health (HB 4139). Report submitted to House 9th Dec 2014
- Co-author with Brooke Edmunds, Extension Community Horticulturist & Dr. Ramesh Sagili, Ph.D. OSU publication “Backyard management of Mason bees in western Oregon” out in a few months.

Past Projects:

- Worked on several research projects on Oakwood lands and the invertebrates associated with those habitats. Co-author of “Oak Woodland Invertebrates - The little things count.” University of California Agriculture & Natural Resources publication #21598.
- Conducted environmental reports on Monarch Butterfly over wintering sites in San Luis Obispo County.
- Serve as a member of the Member California State Task Force on pitch canker of pines

Quotes and thoughts to live by:
If you are going to walk on thin ice you may as well dance.