



# Caring for Nature in Haldimand

## Landowner Action in Carolinian Canada

### What does nature mean to farmers?

Farmers in Haldimand are proud of their heritage and their ties to the land. Conservation in Haldimand is as much about the family farm as it is about natural areas. Farm families have deep roots in the community, and many have long-term investments in the ecological and cultural heritage of Haldimand. Farmers understand that their livelihood depends on healthy soils and clean water. These resources in turn are dependent on a healthy and diverse landscape with wetlands, woodlands, hedgerows and buffers around watercourses. Many Haldimand farmers work with the **Long Point Region, Grand River, or Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authorities** to access financial incentives which help them convert to low or no-till cropping, manage their nutrient program for cleaner water and create stream buffers to retain soil. Others plant woodland and prairie habitats with help from **Haldimand & Area Woodlot Owners' Association, Habitat Haldimand** and the **Haldimand Stewardship Council**. This factsheet is a starting point for landowners looking for ways to return some of their land to nature.



*The Carolinian Life Zone of southwestern Ontario stands out as one of Canada's natural treasures. The Tulip Tree Leaf is a symbol of many unique wild plants and animals that live here and as far south as the US Carolinas.*

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### The Unique Nature of Haldimand

Haldimand County is located deep in the heart of the Carolinian Life Zone, one of Canada's natural treasures. True to the unique nature of this region, lush deciduous forests, wetlands and wildlife more typical of South Carolina habitats are found throughout the county. Haldimand is rich in rare species such as Fowler's Toad, Blanding's Turtle, American Columbo and Barn Owl, who make their homes on its shores, in its swamps, fields and woods.

Haldimand has a fascinating geology: a mix of heavy clay, exposed limestone pavement (alvar) and deep, subterranean catacombs in the limestone bedrock called Karst topography. The region's varied habitats make it one of the more unique areas in North America. From slough forests, marshes, and woodlands to tallgrass prairie, Haldimand's diverse ecology supports thriving wildlife and human communities. Haldimand lays claim to many natural gems including the Oriskany prairie, globally rare alvar habitat, a number of significant county-owned forests, and three beautiful provincial parks with Carolinian woodland and shoreline communities. Many dedicated groups and individuals in Haldimand are working tirelessly to preserve and restore this beautiful landscape for present and future generations.



Read about Stewardship Rangers on page 6.

### Carolinian Canada Steward

In 1989, the Nyomtato family received a Stewardship Award from **Carolinian Canada Coalition** for their role in helping to conserve the Caistor-Canborough Slough Forest, a Carolinian Canada Signature Site that spans the border between Haldimand and Niagara. Wayne, the current owner of the farm, believes that 'the forest has intrinsic value in and of itself', as did his father and grandfather before him. At the same time as they have been contributing to the conservation of the biodiversity in the slough forest, the Nyomtato family have been sustainably harvesting their woods, providing an income for their family for three generations. Wayne, a teacher, is also working hard to inspire a land conservation ethic in his many students and friends.



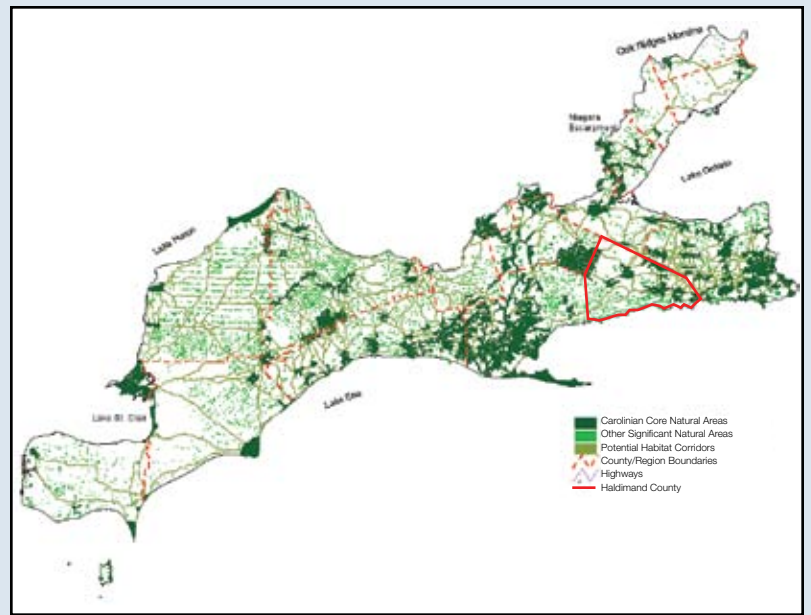
Wild Bergamot © L. Lamb

# The Big Picture in Haldimand

Healthy landscapes need large Core Habitats connected by Natural Corridors. This type of natural system benefits both wild and human communities. Federal guidelines recommend that 20 - 30% natural cover is needed for landscapes to stay healthy and sustainable. In Haldimand, natural cover is 14%, which is lower than recommended, but still within reach of sustainable levels through habitat restoration efforts.

The *Big Picture* is the **Carolinian Canada Coalition's** vision of a network of green spread out across the southwestern Ontario landscape. Existing natural areas, such as forests, wetlands and meadows form the backbone of the system. These are connected by streams, rivers, drains, hedgerows, smaller woodlands and even backyard habitat. It shows how Haldimand natural areas can be conserved and linked across the landscape with the help of public and private stewards.

The *Big Picture* shows 140 Core Habitats that act as important reservoirs of natural diversity across the zone. There are 8 in Haldimand County, shown on the centerfold map.



## Taquanyah: Mill Creek Reservoir rejuvenated to Natural Paradise

Like many other reservoirs across southwestern Ontario, Taquanyah Conservation Area near Cayuga, was a long-time community focus for recreation and education after Mill Creek, a tributary of Roger's Creek, was dammed in the 1960's. The 137 ha (336 ac) property was home to a GRCA Nature Centre that served the local community for more than 30 years before it closed in 1996 due to budget issues. Three years later **Habitat Haldimand** in partnership with the **Grand River Conservation Authority** led efforts to rejuvenate Taquanyah by opening trails, clearing brush and increasing awareness of this property as a local community asset. Now it is a local destination for fishing, hiking and bird watching with habitat for rare and unique species such as Schreber's Aster, Virginia Mallow, Spinulose Wood Fern, Bald Eagles, Ospreys, and Northern Harriers. Spring woodland pools are important for frogs, salamanders and other wildlife.

Mill Creek is a coldwater stream, an unusual ecosystem in Haldimand and Carolinian Canada, that was threatened by the dam. In the late 1980's, Carp were unfortunately introduced and flourished, dislodging aquatic vegetation, creating turbid water and further degrading habitat for native wildlife. To restore habitat, boards were removed on the dam and the original coldwater stream has rebounded, with the positive impacts noted as far downstream as the Grand River.

Taquanyah has re-opened as a Nature Reserve and **Habitat Haldimand** and GRCA are part of a partnership with **Ontario Power Generation, Haldimand Stewardship Council, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Ducks Unlimited, Trout Unlimited, Wetland Habitat Fund, Haldimand County, Six Nations** and the **Ministry of Natural Resources** that continues to enhance and restore Taquanyah's unique natural features.



Spinulose Wood Fern  
at Taquanyah

Visit [www.carolinian.org](http://www.carolinian.org) to zoom in on any part of the Big Picture and find out more about habitat cores and corridors in your area.

## Connecting Lands and Communities

The Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation have stewarded their land in Brant and Haldimand for centuries, retaining much of the natural cover that provided them with abundant resources. Today, they continue that tradition in the modern world, while working to foster partnerships with their neighbours along the Grand River. Through the Six Nations Eco-Centre, they have coordinated tree-planting programs on First Nations lands, while supplying stock to other agencies in Brant and Haldimand. They partner with groups like the Grand River Conservation Authority, and Carolinian Woodland Recovery Team to conserve woodlands, wetlands and associated species at risk on their own land and across the Carolinian Life Zone. Six Nations are also leading or partnering with many other agencies in monitoring and restoration projects in the region.



Hooded Warbler

# Why Should I Care? *Natural habitat benefits city and rural homes, farms and communities with important landscape functions:*

## Climate Survival

A healthy, natural landscape is our primary survival toolkit in a warming world and uncertain future

## Clean Air

Natural habitat filters air, provides oxygen and mitigates the urban heat island effect

## Green Infrastructure

A linked natural network has proven economic, health and psychological benefits as well as being essential to ecological health

## Productive Land

Natural habitat builds soil quality and prevents erosion

## Diversity of Life

Wild places provide beautiful landscapes, natural pest control and homes for wildlife

## Energy Savings & Safety

Trees protect buildings and residents from extreme heat, cold, wind and noise

## Healthy Communities

Studies show that people are happier and property values increase around natural areas

## Clean Water

Wetlands and buffers filter water, reduce pollution and guard against floods and droughts

## What Can I Do? *Stewardship Tips for Rural and Urban Landowners*

Whether your land is large or small, contains natural features or is currently manicured, you can contribute to natural habitat protection. As you get to know your property, rural or urban, in all seasons, you will know best what it needs to stay healthy.

### AROUND THE HOME

#### Carolinian Canada In My Back Yard

Attract butterflies, hummingbirds and song birds to your garden by growing low-maintenance native plants. Mix it up with a variety of species and structures – a key Carolinian characteristic is high natural diversity.

#### Nature at Home

Nurture that towering tree or protect a habitat corner from disturbance. Resist the desire to 'clean it up'– leaf litter, gnarled branches, old logs, tall grass and winter gardens are important for diverse and interesting wildlife. Join a wildlife monitoring program to learn more about your property and contribute to science.

#### Eliminate Toxins & Save your Money

Grow a lawn safe for kids and wildlife. Use organic fertilizers such as compost, lawn clippings and leaves. Pesticide alternatives are less expensive too. Reduce water use and maintenance by replacing lawn with native ground covers.

#### Nature Knows Best

Avoid planting or dumping in natural areas. Although often well intended, introduced plants, compost and clippings can smother, invade or otherwise damage natural ecosystems. Avoid exotic plantings near natural areas.

### AROUND THE COUNTRYSIDE

#### Balance the Landscape

Plant native species next to existing natural areas to multiply their benefits. Create undisturbed interior forest or tallgrass prairie habitats, both rare in Carolinian Canada.

#### Make Connections

Work with neighbours to grow habitat linkages along fences, roads, watercourses and drains. Locate new trails strategically to restore green corridors in rural or urban communities, rather than impacting existing natural areas.

#### Water is Life

Plant natural buffers on slopes and shorelines to protect water quality and aquatic ecosystems. The wider the buffer, the greater the benefits.

#### Manage for Sustainable Income

Work with your local community or association to adopt Best Management Practices (BMP's) for timber, tourism, agriculture, recreation and other industries. BMP's help wildlife and also protect long term economic value.

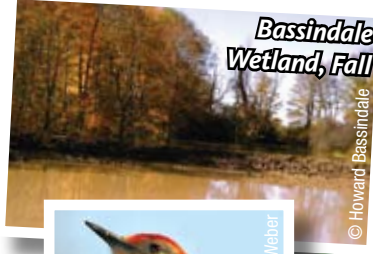
#### Plan it Right for Love and Money

Consult a habitat specialist to develop a plan for your backyard or back 40. With a plan, you may be eligible for a variety of conservation grants and incentives.

# The Natural Wonders of Haldimand County

## Building Habitat Connections

Howard Bassindale has lived on the family farm near Selkirk since he was a boy. He and his brother Harold enjoyed the outdoors and the wildlife they shared it with. In 2005 he started work with the **Long Point Region Conservation Authority**, and the **Haldimand Stewardship Council** to enhance a wetland on his land. Over 13,000 trees, mainly hardwoods like Cottonwood and Green Ash in the low areas, and Oak and Hickory on the uplands were planted along with some White Pine in random pods to mimic natural seeding patterns. The new woodland connects all the woodlots on the farm and in the neighbouring block and has attracted species like the American Tree Sparrow and the Red-bellied Woodpecker. *'It takes an outdoors lover to do this'* says Howard. *'You develop a picture in your mind and go for it!'* Funding was provided through the Authority and the **Wetland Habitat Fund**.



## Volunteers Protect Local Heritage

**The Lower Grand River Land Trust**, a nonprofit, charitable organization, owns and manages **Ruthven Park**, 607 ha (1500 ac) on the Grand River, 2 kilometers north of Cayuga. The mandate is to conserve the natural areas and built heritage which includes provincially significant Carolinian slough forest and wetlands, and nineteenth century buildings. On site is the former town of Indiana which is being investigated by researchers and students. Ruthven has a bird banding station partially funded by **Ontario Power Generation**, that is part of the **Canadian Migration Network** where thousands of birds have been banded. Four public marked trails on the property and the historic Coach House are enjoyed and used by local residents.



## Ontario Power: Wildlife Certified

An ambitious program for providing wildlife habitat at Ontario Power Generation's Nanticoke Generating Station has received international certification by the Wildlife Habitat Council since 1999. Through the program, over 30,000 trees have been planted and 30 ha (74 ac) of land were returned to nature. As well over 70 nest boxes have been constructed, birds are banded and monitored by volunteers, wintering dens for snakes are built, wetland has been created, and wildlife and habitat are surveyed annually. OPG also supports local initiatives with such partners as the **Haldimand Stewardship Council**, **Haldimand Bird Observatory**, and district scout organizations.



**Important Habitat in Haldimand**

- Carolinian Canada Big Picture Core Habitat
- ★ Carolinian Canada Signature Site
- Important Natural Area
- - - Conservation Authority/ Watershed Boundary
- County Boundary

**These folks and other neighbours too numerous to mention are quietly helping to restore our landscape, to protect rare wildlife, and to make your home a safer place to live by keeping the air and water clean. You can help too, in many ways.**

## Hotspot for Birds and Rare Sedge

Located at the mouth of Sandusk Creek, **Selkirk Provincial Park** boasts a wide variety of plant life indicative of the Carolinian Life Zone. Approximately half of the park's 73 ha (180ac). is considered a Natural Environment Zone and is comprised of an oak-shagbark-hickory forest, a freshwater marsh and a white pine plantation. A bird banding station was operated for 11 seasons by volunteers with the **Haldimand Bird Observatory** with over 90 species of migrating birds banded; an amazing statistic given the size of the park. The park is home to a very rare sedge that is monitored and managed through a cooperative effort of **Ontario Parks, Long Point Region Conservation Authority** who operate the park and the **MNR Natural Heritage Information Centre**.

## Land Trust Saves Old Growth

The **Long Point Basin Land Trust**, incorporated in 1996, protects and restores important natural habitats centred in the Long Point region, including Norfolk County and portions of Haldimand, Brant, Oxford and Elgin. They recently bought the 72 ha (180 ac) *Arthur Langford Nature Reserve*, a forest and wetland area which provides habitat for a wide diversity of wildlife. The reserve is also an important headwaters area, supplying clean water to local watersheds. LPBLT also owns and stewards the *Jackson Gunn Old Growth Forest*. Less than 0.1% of the entire Carolinian Region's old growth forest remains, and sites like this are very important for protecting biodiversity and species such as Red-bellied Woodpecker and Eastern Pipistrelle Bats. The Land Trust engages in outreach and stewardship projects and works closely with land owners.

## Partners in Carolinian Arboretum

In 1998, the **Dunnville District Heritage Association** and Daniel Crumb planted a *Carolinian Heritage Grove* as a memorial forest on **Grand River Conservation Authority** land. Species of trees included Tulip Tree, Bitternut Hickory, American Sweet Chestnut and American Hazel. The **Haldimand Stewardship Council**, which helped fund the initial plantings, plans to work with the Association and **Thompson Creek Elementary School** and **Dunnville Christian School**, adjacent to the forest, to maintain and expand the Grove and develop it into an interpretive centre, with labels for the trees. The schoolchildren and the community will benefit from the natural beauty of the site, and learn about the plants and animals that inhabit a Carolinian Forest.

## Landowners Welcome Wildlife

Jane and Roy Schofield worked with the **Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, Ducks Unlimited Canada, Ontario Power Generation** and **Habitat Haldimand** to enhance and restore 0.8 ha (2 ac) of wetland habitat on their property near Dunnville. Two wetland pockets were created by impounding water with berms and spillways. Native wildflowers, grasses and trees were planted to increase habitat and species diversity. In total 3 ha (7 ac) of habitat was created and restored.

## Local Partners Restore Critical Habitat in Dunnville

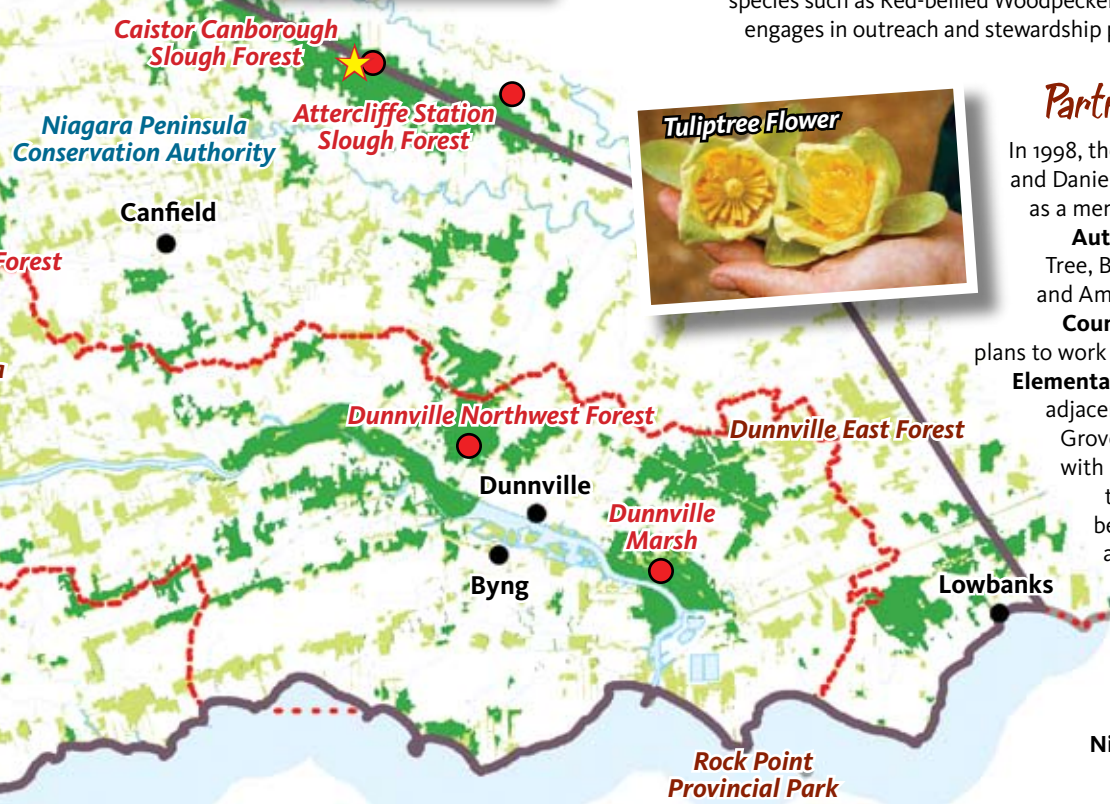
In 1992, the **Nature Conservancy of Canada** protected 376 ha (929 ac) of critical habitat in the Dunnville Marsh – a 1600 ha (2400 ac) wetland on the Grand River near Lake Erie. Now managed by the **Grand River Conservation Authority**, in partnership with the Conservancy, **Town of Dunnville, the Dunnville Bioregion, Six Nations, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Grand River Conservation Authority, Environment Canada, Ducks Unlimited Canada** and the **Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources**, the Management Plan includes restoration of retired farmlands to upland and hardwood swamp forests, prairie and meadow habitat, protection of wetlands and continuing stewardship of habitat for species at risk such as Blanding's Turtle, Prothonotary Warbler, Bobolink, King Rail, Least Bittern and Black Tern.



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**Explore more habitat projects and ideas in Carolinian Canada's Big Picture Network at [www.carolinian.org](http://www.carolinian.org)**



# Working Together for Habitat

*These are just a few of the many groups working to protect and restore habitat in your region. See the back page of this factsheet for more Conservation Partners.*

## Healthy Habitats = Healthy Communities

Members of the **Haldimand Stewardship Council** have been igniting community interest and action for a healthier environment for over a decade, Haldimand style. They support landowners with practical programs to deal with critical issues in Haldimand such as creek-friendly watering systems for cattle, native tree plantings to connect or enhance existing woodlands and Species at Risk stewardship to help the threatened Fowler's Toad and Grey Rat Snake. The Council includes farmers, woodlot owners, naturalists, businesses, industries and agencies, all volunteers with diverse interests and backgrounds that share a common goal for sustainable and responsible land care.



## We all Live Downstream

Water is life for wildlife and human communities. Fortunately, Haldimand has a rich natural landscape that will help protect landowners and residents from floods, droughts, water contamination and climate change effects. Conservation Authorities have been making the link between water quality and habitat for over 65 years. In Haldimand, the **Grand River, Long Point Region** and **Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authorities** work closely with landowners to keep our waters healthy by accessing grants for projects ranging from erosion control, tree planting, stream buffers and wetland creation to manure storage improvements and conservation farm practices. Staff provide on-site consultations and assist with hands-on habitat restoration actions. In Haldimand, hundreds of landowners have taken advantage of Authority programs, improving the health and sustainability of their own lands as well as those of the entire watershed.

## Haldimand Woodlot Owners Grow Healthy Future

The **Haldimand & Area Woodlot Owners Association** is planting seeds for healthy forests in partnership with woodland owners across the county. Volunteers maintain the White Pine Seed Orchard in South Cayuga owned by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. This 40 ha (100 ac) plantation on crown land provides superior seeds for planting in southern Ontario. In the past 4 years, members have planted wildlife corridors and buffers totaling 68 ha (170 ac), and over 100,000 seedlings. The Association holds events to explore issues such as enhancing forest cover, sustainable forestry practices, insect threats and cutting safety. They work in close partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Haldimand Stewardship Council.



## Teen Rangers Collect Seeds for Future Forest

For several years, **Ontario Stewardship Rangers** – high school students on a summer work term - have assisted with work at the White Pine Seed Orchard in South Cayuga. In 2007 and 2008 the Rangers from nearby Hamilton-Halton helped out in Haldimand. White Pine Cone Beetles can be a major problem at the orchard and traps have to be set and taken down every year. The Rangers assisted with this work as well as with the pine seed harvest. Over 200 hectolitres of cones were collected in 2007, enough to plant a new White Pine forest!



# THE PRIDE OF HALDIMAND

## Landowners Help Rare Species

Local landowners are taking pride in helping rare species, an important part of Haldimand heritage. The endangered Bald Eagle and the threatened American Chestnut, for example, are surviving thanks to cooperative stewardship actions, both public and private.

### What are They?

Species at risk are plants or animals in danger of disappearing from the wild. Over 15 wild species in Haldimand are officially listed 'at risk' for Canada, and 21 for Ontario, among the highest levels in the nation. Another 24 are considered rare for Ontario. Local recovery teams are working with experts and community members to protect critically rare species, habitats and landscapes that support them.

### Rare Gems of Nature Close at Hand

Many rare and intriguing wild neighbours are found throughout the county, including the threatened Least Bittern, a marsh bird, the threatened Blanding's Turtle and the American Columbo, a wildflower. Fish with unusual names like the threatened Black Redhorse and the rare Grass Pickerel live in Haldimand's creeks and rivers along with the threatened Mapleleaf Mussel. Remember to stay on marked trails when visiting conservation lands to avoid damaging rare species or their habitats.



American Columbo

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### Rare Owls Love Haldimand

The endangered Barn Owl finds the Haldimand landscape most congenial as habitat. In the fall of 2007, a breeding pair was discovered nesting in an old barn. The thrilled landowners reported the owls to the **Ontario Barn Owl Recovery Team**, and together they watched as the pair successfully raised two young. There have only been 3 other confirmed breeding pairs in southern Ontario over the past 20 years. Barn Owls are ghostly white underneath, have beautiful golden-beige flecked upperparts and dark brown eyes. They have a wonderfully buoyant, moth-like flight as they hunt over rough grassland looking for voles and other small mammals. If you see a Barn Owl, dead or alive, please contact the Barn Owl Recovery Team through [wildlife@carolinian.org](mailto:wildlife@carolinian.org).



Young Barn Owls

Carolinian Canada has 1/3 of the country's species at risk, many of which live in Haldimand. Mention this factsheet to get a free Wild Neighbours Kit from [info@carolinian.org](mailto:info@carolinian.org) or 519-433-7077.



## Wanted Alive in Haldimand!

**You can help! Call if you see these species.**

**Free Downloads:** NEW *Wanted Alive* posters and more species at [www.carolinian.org](http://www.carolinian.org)

### BALD EAGLE

(*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)

**ENDANGERED**

**Look for:**

- Large raptors with white head and brown body
- Massive yellow beak and talons
- Young birds are all brown

**Did You Know?**

- There are currently about 40 breeding pairs of eagles in southern Ontario
- They feed mainly on fish, and some birds, small mammals, carrion, and steal food from other birds such as osprey.
- Their nests are huge stick platforms, usually placed high in a tree, near water.

**HELP!** Don't disturb nesting or roosting eagles - Report adult eagles seen between April 1 and June 30, and groups of 4 or more eagles between December and March

**REWARD:** Sighting a majestic bald eagle can make your day!

**IF YOU SEE THIS ANIMAL CONTACT:**

[wildlife@carolinian.org](mailto:wildlife@carolinian.org) or Bird Studies Canada 1-888-448-2473



### GREY RATSNAKE

(*Elaphe obsoleta*)

**THREATENED**

**Look for:**

- Adults are shiny black, with a white chin and throat
- Young are grey with dark blotching on the body and tail

**Did You Know?**

The Grey Ratsnake a.k.a. Black Ratsnake

- Is Ontario's largest snake, over 130 centimetres
- Is not venomous and constricts its prey, mainly rats and mice
- Is an excellent climber and can sometimes be seen in trees hunting for bird eggs
- Overwinters in communal underground hibernacula with other snake species

**HELP!** Plant hedgerows – Save grassy habitat on woodland edges – Appreciate snakes and don't harm them

**REWARD:** Good pest control

**IF YOU SEE THIS ENDANGERED SNAKE CONTACT:**

[wildlife@carolinian.org](mailto:wildlife@carolinian.org) or Peter Carson @ 519-586-3985



# Find a Habitat Partner in Haldimand

## A Helping Hand for Landowners

### A Good Place to Start for Property Assistance

**Grand River Conservation Authority** [grandriver.ca](http://grandriver.ca)  
519-621-2761 Habitat conservation & restoration

**Haldimand Stewardship Council** [ontariostewardship.org](http://ontariostewardship.org)  
Kelly Tonellato 905-772-1393 Private stewardship & conservation

**Long Point Region Conservation Authority** [lprca.on.ca](http://lprca.on.ca)  
519-428-4623 Habitat protection & tree planting

**Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority** [conservation-niagara.on.ca](http://conservation-niagara.on.ca)  
905-788-3135 Habitat protection, wetland restoration and tree planting

### Specialized Project Assistance or Funding

**Ducks Unlimited Canada** [ducksunlimited.org](http://ducksunlimited.org)  
1-888-402-4444 Wetland protection and creation

**Long Point Basin Land Trust** [www.lpbtl.on.ca](http://www.lpbtl.on.ca)  
519-586-8309 Land donations and conservation easements

**Lower Grand River Land Trust** [lowergrandriverlandtrust.ca](http://lowergrandriverlandtrust.ca)  
905-772-0560 Protection of natural, scenic, agricultural property

**Nature Conservancy of Canada** [natureconservancy.ca](http://natureconservancy.ca)  
Wendy Cridland 519-586-7773 ext. 202 Land protection, conservation easements, conservation volunteers

**Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association** [ontariosoilcrop.org](http://ontariosoilcrop.org)  
Sietse Elsinga 905-562-6682 Environmental Farm Plan

**Ontario Forestry Association** [oforest.on.ca](http://oforest.on.ca)  
1-800-387-0790 Ontario Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program

**Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources** [mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/speciesatrisk/](http://mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/speciesatrisk/)  
519-826-4925 Species at Risk Stewardship Fund

### Meet Your Neighbours ~ Learn, Volunteer, Network

**Habitat Haldimand Inc.** [habitat-haldimand.ca](http://habitat-haldimand.ca)  
Kelly Tonellato 905-772-1393 Helping fish and wildlife

**Haldimand & Area Woodlot Owners' Association** [geocities.com/hawoa2000](http://geocities.com/hawoa2000)  
Private woodlot management advice 905-772-1393

**Haldimand/Norfolk County Forest Conservation Service** [norfolkcounty.ca](http://norfolkcounty.ca)  
519-426-5999 Forest protection

**Norfolk Field Naturalists** [norfolkfieldnaturalists.org](http://norfolkfieldnaturalists.org)  
Study, appreciation and conservation of natural world

**Rock Point Provincial Park** [ontarioparks.com](http://ontarioparks.com)  
905-774-6642 Education and enjoyment of Carolinian habitat

**Selkirk Provincial Park** [ontarioparks.com](http://ontarioparks.com)  
905-776-2600 Camping and birdwatching

### Good Sources of Information

**Association for Canadian Educational Resources** [aceracre.org](http://aceracre.org)  
905-275-7685 Volunteer habitat monitoring

**Canadian Wildlife Federation** [wildaboutgardening.org](http://wildaboutgardening.org)

**Environment Canada** 1-800-668-6767  
Species at Risk [sararegistry.gc.ca](http://sararegistry.gc.ca)  
Ecological Gifts Program [on.ec.gc.ca/wildlife/ecogifts](http://on.ec.gc.ca/wildlife/ecogifts)

**Haldimand Federation of Agriculture**  
Grace Buma 905-774-8010

**Land Owner Resource Centre** [lrconline.com](http://lrconline.com)  
Management Options for Abandoned Farm Fields  
Extension Notes: forestry, tree planting, agroforestry, wildlife & more

**Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters** [invadingspecies.com](http://invadingspecies.com)  
1-800-563-7711 Invasive species hotline, Habitat enhancement

**Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs** [omafra.gov.on.ca](http://omafra.gov.on.ca)  
Best Management Practices: Buffer Strips, Fish & Wildlife. Tree Cover

**Ontario Nature** [ontarionature.org](http://ontarionature.org)  
1-800-440-2366 Volunteers for Nature,  
Birds on the Farm: A Stewardship Guide

**Ontario Society for Ecological Restoration** [serontario.org](http://serontario.org)  
Native Plant Resource Guide

**Ontario Woodlot Association** 1-888-791-1103 [ont-woodlot-assoc.org](http://ont-woodlot-assoc.org)  
Comprehensive resources for woodland management

**Royal Ontario Museum** [rom.on.ca](http://rom.on.ca)  
Online factsheets on Species at Risk

**Tallgrass Ontario** [tallgrassontario.org](http://tallgrassontario.org)  
519-674-1543 Tallgrass and savanna conservation



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