



Caring for Nature in Oxford

Landowner Action in Carolinian Canada

What does nature mean to landowners?

Farmers and rural landowners in Oxford have strong ties to the land. Agriculture is a long-standing tradition in this region, and remains the third largest source of jobs in the County. Farmers here 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 Oxford landowners work with **Stewardship Oxford**, the **Oxford County Clean Water Program** or the **Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association** to access financial incentives to manage their nutrient program for cleaner water; create stream buffers to protect watercourses; or convert to low or no-till cropping to conserve soil. Others plant woodland, wetland or prairie habitat with help from **Ducks Unlimited Canada** or one of **Long Point Region, Upper Thames River, or Grand River Conservation Authorities**. Landowners involved in habitat projects enjoy improved soils, enhanced outdoor recreation and wildlife watching. They are proud of their contribution in maintaining the unique natural beauty and health of Oxford's environment.



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 Oxford

Located on the boundary of the Carolinian Life Zone, Oxford is a natural meeting place for two major ecological regions found in Ontario. Lush deciduous forests, swamps and wildlife typical of the US Carolinas are found beside conifer forests, bogs and fens, of the northern Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Zone. Patches of grassland are important habitat for prairie species such as the American Badger. Thanks to local stewardship efforts, Oxford still has some of the highest levels of wetlands in southwestern Ontario and ongoing work is bringing back these critical water cleansing and storage habitats.

Four watersheds, the Grand, Thames, Long Point, and Catfish Creek, converge here, bringing life-giving water to the clay-dominated till plains of Oxford County and connecting local landscapes to the Great Lakes. Fascinating aquatic ecosystems lie hidden in each river, habitat for the threatened Spiny Softshell turtle and rare freshwater mussels. Oxford is home to a wide range of rare and unusual species such as Cucumber Magnolia, Kentucky Coffee-tree and Cerulean Warbler. Community action is improving habitat for interesting Carolinian species like the endangered Acadian Flycatcher. Dedicated people are working to ensure that habitat for these unique species continues to thrive in Oxford.



Planting Burgess Park

Students Restore Burgess Park

Over 500 students lent a hand in a community project to improve Oxford's environment along the Thames River. Motivated by a strong ethic for conservation and caring for their wild neighbours, the students worked with the **Millenium EcoCommunities Oxford Committee**, the **Upper Thames River Conservation Authority** and the **City of Woodstock** in a leading-edge restoration effort on retired agricultural land near Burgess Park. An innovative technique called 'Pits & Mounds' was used. This mimics the undulating microtopography of old growth woodlands normally created over centuries by massive old trees uprooting and churning up the forest floor. Students seeded and planted native species on the 5.3 ha (13 ac) site. Combined with natural seed dispersal from adjacent woodlands, a great diversity of native plants and animals have taken up residence at the Burgess Park Restoration Site. The project will benefit local human and wildlife residents for decades to come with improved water quality, more deep woods habitat and reduced soil erosion.



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Acadian Flycatcher

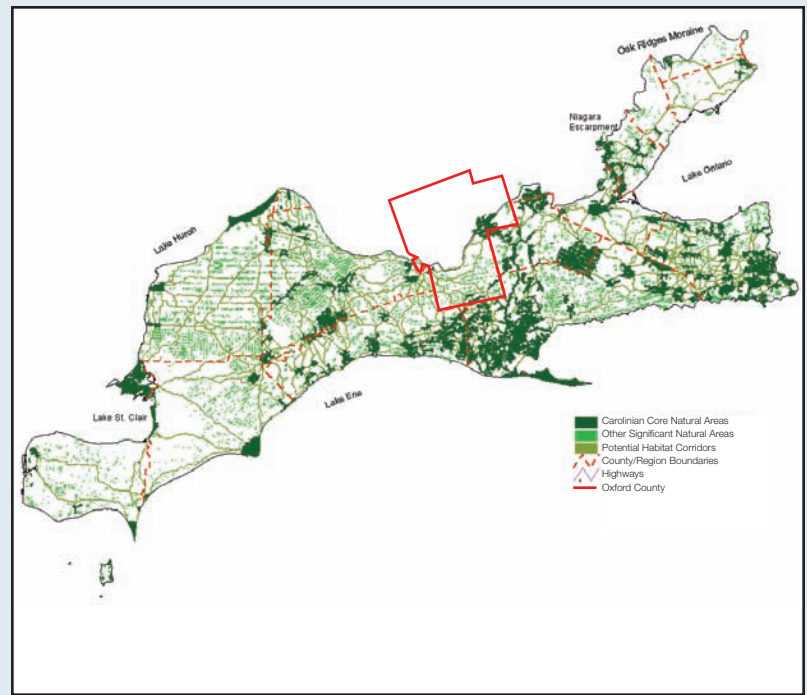
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The Big Picture in Oxford

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 Oxford, natural cover is 14.3%. Through growing community and landowner habitat restoration efforts, sustainable levels are within reach.

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 Oxford's natural areas can be conserved and linked across the landscape with the help of public and private stewards.

The Carolinian Canada *Big Picture* shows 140 Core Habitats with 5 in the southern part of Oxford County. The expanded Big Picture of southern Ontario highlights additional important reservoirs of natural diversity in the rest of Oxford.



Local Citizens Lead Oxford's Green Vision

Over 20 groups and individuals in farming, business, planning, environment and government came together to brainstorm strategies for restoring natural heritage and healthy landscapes in Oxford. Three **Oxford County** volunteer committees guided the Oxford Natural Heritage Study and developed an associated plan of action.

This study, published in 2006, shows that nearly 80% of Oxford's natural areas are invaluable to the sustainability and ecological health of the landscape and Oxford's watercourses have a great potential for becoming healthy ecosystems once again, with the help of the community. Technical expertise on this project was provided by the **Upper Thames River Conservation Authority**, with additional volunteer support from the **Grand River, Long Point Region** and **Catfish Creek Conservation Authorities** and local landowners.

The committee recommended incentives, regulation, education and outreach to support private voluntary habitat projects, in a manner that will benefit and respect all Oxford residents. Following their direction, The *Oxford Clean Water Program* has been expanded to fund natural heritage projects. The County's commitment to natural heritage is timely. A natural habitat network is essential to sustainability and health for landowners, communities and residents in the face of climate change.



Oxford Natural Area

Visit 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.

Landowner Action for Healthy Wetlands

Thanks to Oxford landowners who are helping to bring wetlands back from critically low levels, the tide is turning. Dedicated people are working to reverse worrying trends towards poor water quality, severe droughts, increased flooding and wild diversity losses in the county. A growing movement of volunteers and groups is taking action to counterbalance the estimated 90% decline in wetlands. Local landowners, like volunteer Director Phil Holst, work with **Stewardship Oxford, Ducks Unlimited Canada, the County of Oxford and Conservation Authorities** to restore wetlands of all kinds, including swamps, marsh, sloughs and vernal pools. These habitats are essential to healthy landscapes, especially as the climate changes. Many farmers and rural landowners are 'quiet heroes' volunteering to improve water quality and wildlife habitat, now and for the future of Oxford.



Phil Holst and Trent at wetland

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 help local habitat. 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 Oxford County



Trevor planting tree seeds

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Changing Lives and Landscapes

Forests for Life, a social and environmental rehabilitation program, involves young, elderly or developmentally-challenged community members in seeding native trees for habitat restoration projects across Oxford, Elgin and Middlesex. Wildlife, water and air quality benefit and the trees help to battle climate change by increasing shade and carbon sequestration. **Stewardship Oxford** is looking for private landowners to become a part of the solution by providing planting sites, and hopes to expand to other regions.

Community Habitat Stewards in Ingersoll

Thanks to the foresight of Dr. John Lawson, long-time Ingersoll resident, a 14.5 ha (36 ac) tract of Carolinian woodland and wetland has been saved in South West Oxford for all to enjoy. Donated in 1995 to **Ontario Nature**, the *Lawson Nature Reserve* is stewarded by the **Ingersoll District Nature Club**, a group of enthusiastic volunteers. The public can visit and get ideas from their habitat projects including tree plantings by the **Boy Scouts of Canada** and prairie plantings by high school students. Plantings include distinctly Carolinian trees such as Tulip Tree, Kentucky Coffee-tree, Hackberry, and American Sycamore, and native wildflowers and grasses such as Skyblue Aster, Brown-eyed Susan, Canada Wild Rye, and Grey Goldenrod.



Lawson Tract tree planting

© Ingersoll District Nature Club

Clean Water: Everyone Depends on it!

The **County of Oxford** is working with local municipalities to provide funding for projects that will help to keep Oxford's water clean. Projects include buffers along creeks and streams, fencing to keep livestock from the water's edge, and the restoration of wetlands on low-lying unproductive farmland. Many of your neighbours have taken advantage of these grants to improve the quality of water for everyone in Oxford County.

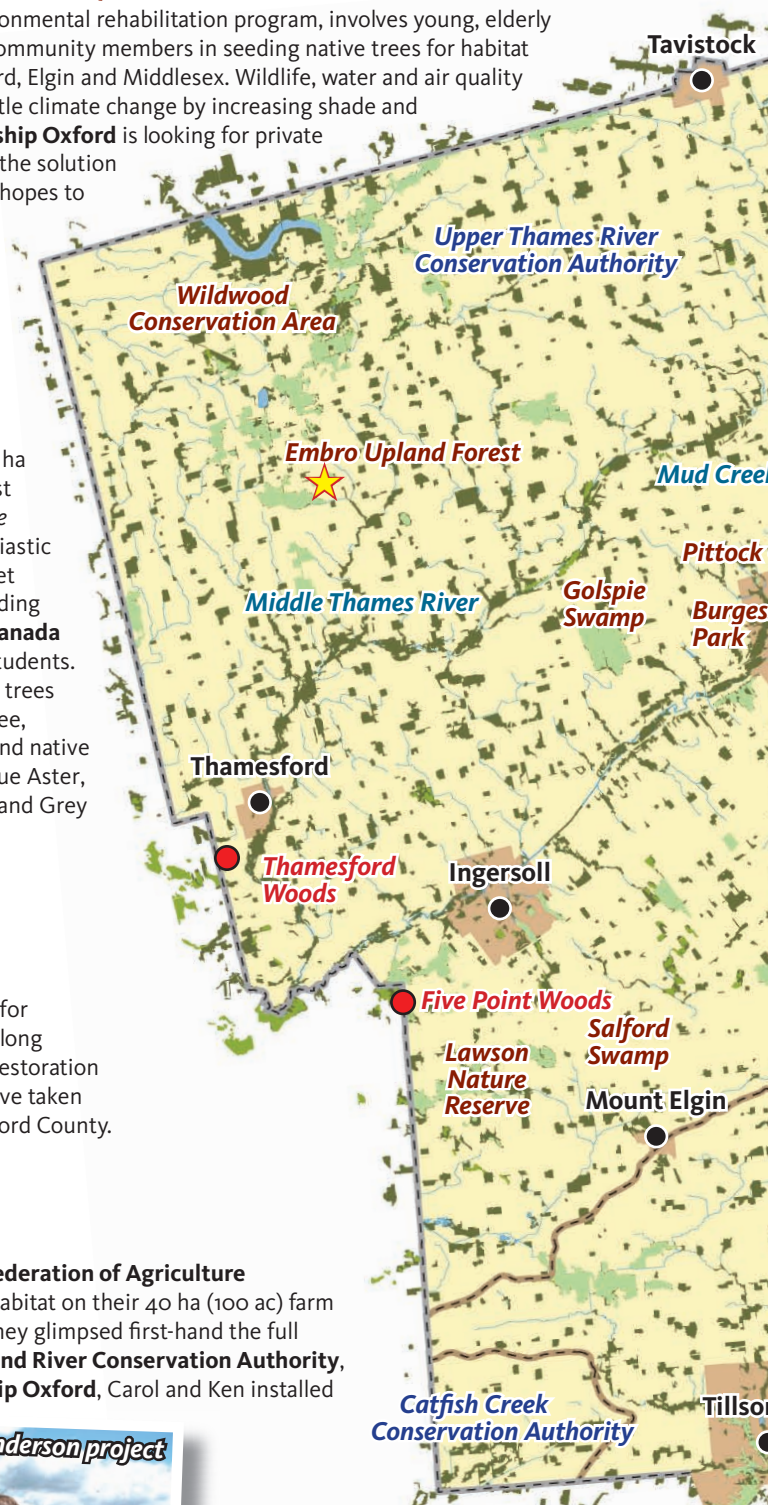
Drumbo Farm Improves Water Quality

Carol Cowan and Ken Anderson were recently awarded the **Oxford Ontario Federation of Agriculture Environmental Award** for their work in improving water quality and wildlife habitat on their 40 ha (100 ac) farm near Drumbo. They were inspired on a canoe trip down the Nith River when they glimpsed first-hand the full impact of cattle with unrestricted access to the water. With help from the **Grand River Conservation Authority**, the **Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs** and **Stewardship Oxford**, Carol and Ken installed a 1,500 m solar-powered electric fence and planted a buffer of trees to shade the creek and create a wildlife corridor. They have plans to work with **Ducks Unlimited Canada** to expand it into a wetland that will help to store water on their land and create wildlife habitat. The Cowans are already enjoying the result - the return of a diversity of native plants and beneficial wildlife, such as mink and migratory birds. Funding was provided through **Oxford County's Clean Water Program**, **Environment Canada's Habitat Stewardship Program** for species at risk, **Stewardship Oxford** and **Greencover Canada**.



Cowan Anderson project

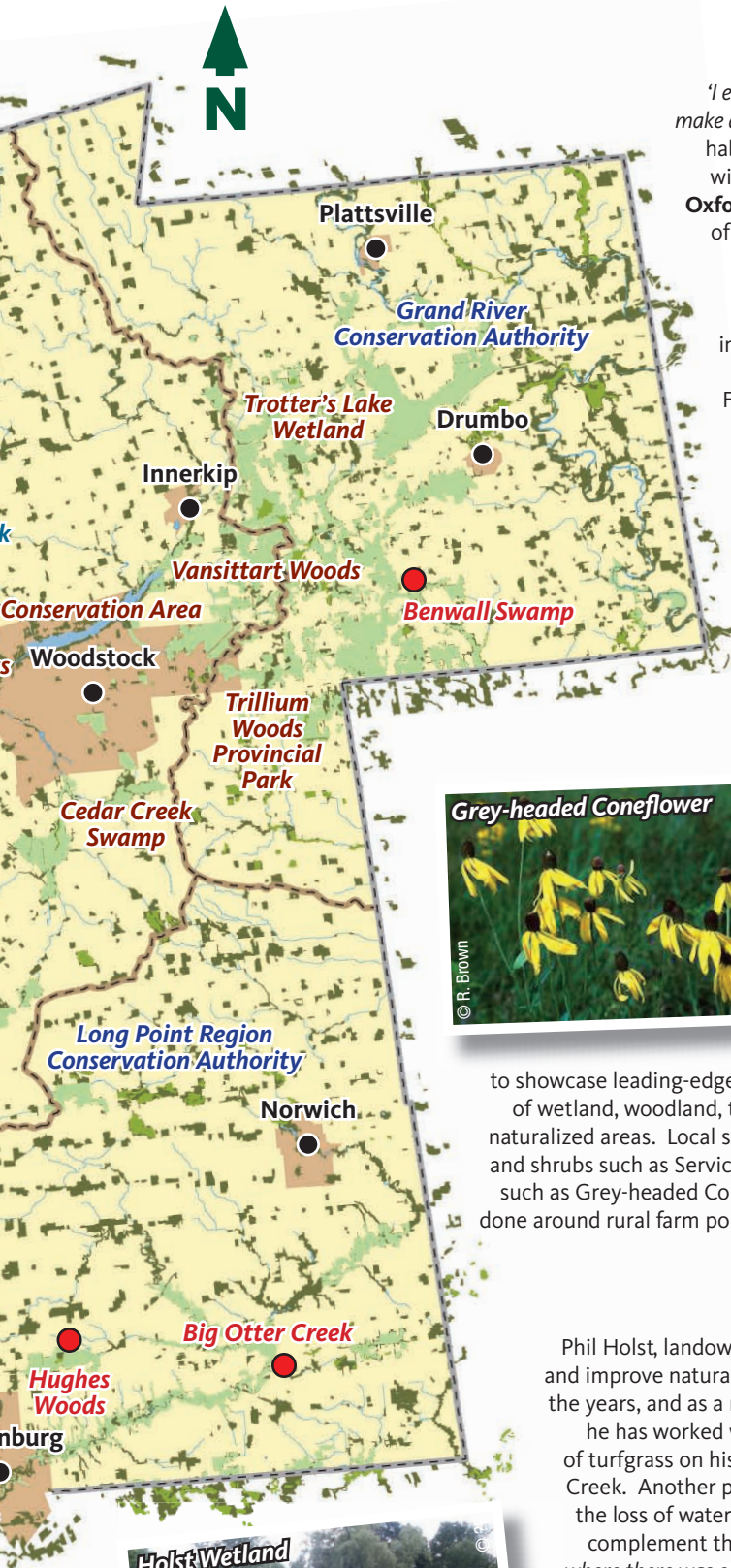
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Important Habitat in Oxford

- Carolinian Canada Big Picture Core Habitat
- ★ Carolinian Canada Signature Site
- Natural Features
- Significant Natural Features
- 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.



Growing a Healthy Future on the Farm

'I enjoy these opportunities to work with nature' says Bill Scheurman, 'It is rewarding to make a contribution to the healthy future of our natural habitat.' Bill has restored wetland habitat on 4 ha (10 ac) of old pasture along Spittler Creek in the Big Otter watershed with the help of the **Long Point Region Conservation Authority** and **Stewardship Oxford**. Local school children, who will reap the long-term benefits, planted hundreds of Black Walnut, Shagbark Hickory, White and Burr Oak to connect the new wetland to a larger woodland on the Scheurman Farm, thus contributing to a sustainable future and increasing the habitat value. Bill plans to build a snake hibernaculum (a safe haven for overwintering), and bird houses, to attract wildlife. His vision includes 2 or 3 low-impact campsites to provide a sustainable income while sharing the beauties of nature with families looking for a natural get-away from the city. Funding was provided by **Greencover Canada** through the **Ontario Soil and Crop Association**, and by the **Wetland Habitat Fund**.

Golfing Goes Natural

Cedar Creek Golf Club is using an innovative bio-engineering technique to protect the water quality for Woodstock. In 2004 and 2005, over 200 local students helped install native shrubs that sent roots into the shoreline and sprouted to form a living mat of vegetation to hold the soil and keep the water clean. Almost 1000 native trees and shrubs were planted as a stream buffer, including Dogwood, Elderberry, Nannyberry and Pussy Willow. These plants provide much-needed shade and shoreline stability where the creek begins its journey through Woodstock. This is one of dozens of projects of the **Friends of Cedar Creek** and the **Upper Thames River Conservation Authority**, a highly successful community partnership founded in 1999 to improve environmental conditions of the Cedar Creek watershed.



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Demonstrating Green Farm Solutions

Each year, thousands of people can now experience first-hand how natural habitats work in harmony with farm practices to improve land value in southwestern Ontario. The **Outdoor Farm Show** on the outskirts of Woodstock has 'greened' its grounds with the help of **Millenium EcoCommunities Oxford**, the **Upper Thames River Conservation Authority** and **Ducks Unlimited Canada** to showcase leading-edge Carolinian habitat solutions for the farm. The 0.2 ha (0.5 ac) site includes a mix of wetland, woodland, tallgrass prairie and farm pond buffer, demonstrating the benefits and beauty of naturalized areas. Local students working with the Conservation Authority, planted over 300 native trees and shrubs such as Serviceberry, Grey Dogwood, and Pin Cherry, and 1400 native wildflowers and grasses such as Grey-headed Coneflower, Tall Ironweed and Hairy Beardtongue. This project shows what can be done around rural farm ponds and wetlands to improve water quality and create habitat for native wildlife.

Dedicated Landowner. Conservation Hero

Phil Holst, landowner and visionary, believed from an early age that farmers can farm productively and improve natural habitat at the same time. Phil has cultivated a strong environmental ethic over the years, and as a result, has become a local conservation leader and mentor. Leading by example, he has worked with **Stewardship Oxford** and **Ducks Unlimited Canada** to convert 1.2 ha (3 ac) of turfgrass on his farm to a wetland and woodland, and planted a buffer along a tributary of Mud Creek. Another project involved the replacement of drainage tile with grassed waterways to slow the loss of water and soil on his land. Phil has also set up two small tree nurseries on his farm to complement the local nursery supply of native trees. "I like to watch the trees and plants grow up where there was only marginal cropland or poor pastureland before" says Phil. "It is very satisfying to watch the wildlife return – for example – ducks coming in to land on a newly formed wetland."



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Explore more habitat projects and ideas in Carolinian Canada's Big Picture Network at 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 Habitat Partners.

Grassroots Habitat Stewardship

Volunteers who make up **Stewardship Oxford** embrace and act on its mission to bring landowner and sustainable natural resources interests together. Through grassroots partnerships, the council nurtures a green stewardship ethic across Oxford County that benefits both landowners and community. Programs include youth and those with special needs to help build healthy landscapes for present and future generations. The council works on the ground, with volunteers on a range of habitat and education projects including reforestation and wetland construction.



Youth Volunteers

to the needs of each landowner. Eligible projects may include tree planting, woodlot management, stream and gully erosion control, buffer plantings, cattle fencing, sediment basins and more. Funding is supplied in part by the **County of Oxford** through the *Clean Water Program*. The Authorities steward many Conservation Areas popular with local residents for outdoor activities and educational programs, providing opportunities for people to engage in and experience conservation projects first-hand.

Youth Helping Species at Risk

Each summer, a crew of 5 students is hired by **Stewardship Oxford** for a truly wild summer job. These young people, who are funded by the **Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources**, carry out projects as diverse as collecting tree seed for planting to rebuild natural habitat or measuring fish biodiversity in streams. The *Ontario Stewardship Rangers Program* has been quietly creating environmental change and providing youth training since 1998. The crews are available throughout the summer to help landowners, farmers, and community groups who have stewardship projects that require hands-on support.



Forests for Future Generations

Woodland owners in Oxford County have access to a rich resource of information and networking through the **Oxford County Woodlot Association**, a chapter of the **Ontario Woodlot Association**. The association hosts workshops on forest health, chainsaw safety, sustainable logging practices and more. Tours of local woodlands and sawmills help landowners to understand markets and best management practices. This non-profit organization is dedicated to the wise use of Ontario's private forests, and promoting sustainable forestry practices to ensure the viability of our forests for future generations.

Naturalists support Green Students

The **Woodstock Field Naturalists' Club** is taking action to recognize green youth. The club volunteers have established an environmental award for every high school in the city, a post-secondary scholarship and nature magazines for all school libraries. Founded in 1934, the club is a strong community group promoting awareness and preservation of natural features in Woodstock and Oxford County. The club offers fascinating speakers and outings with experts for those interested in wildlife, showcasing the interesting and hidden stories of the natural world in the Carolinian Life Zone and beyond.



THE PRIDE OF OXFORD

Landowners Help Rare Species

Local landowners are taking pride in helping rare species, an important part of Oxford heritage. The endangered American Chestnut and the threatened Hooded Warbler, 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 two dozen Oxford species are officially listed 'at risk' for Canada, and 50 species are rare for Ontario, among the highest levels in the nation. 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 beautiful, showy Wild Lupine, a prairie and savanna flower, Yellow-breasted Chat, a small bird, and the threatened Blanding's Turtle. Fish with unusual names like Greenside Darter and Golden Redhorse live in Oxford creeks and rivers along with the Wavy-rayed Lampmussel, an endangered freshwater mussel. Remember to stay on marked trails when visiting conservation lands to avoid damaging rare species or their habitats.

Unusual Wetland Bird Calls Oxford Home



Least Bittern

The smallest of all North American herons, the Least Bittern is one of the most difficult marsh birds to spot. It is more likely to be heard than seen, sounding its unusual laugh-like call from deep in the reeds. The Bittern is an excellent camouflage artist; when alarmed, the bird will freeze in place with its bill pointing up and sway to resemble wind-blown vegetation. It can compress its body to less than 3 inches wide. Draining of wetlands is the largest threat to Bittern, but this is being reversed through dedicated and involved stewardship actions by **Stewardship Oxford**, **Ducks Unlimited Canada**, the **Ministry of Natural Resources** and local landowners.

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



Wanted Alive in Oxford!

You can help! Call if you see these species.

Free Downloads: NEW *Wanted Alive* posters and species at www.carolinian.org

AMERICAN BADGER

(*Taxidea taxus jacksoni*)

ENDANGERED

Look for:

- Grizzled gray with bold black and white stripes on the head and face
- Front claws extremely long

Did You Know?

The American Badger is a nocturnal carnivore – uses powerful claws to dig – Is at risk from habitat loss, road mortality and human persecution

HELP! Save grasslands – Leave grassy habitat on woodland edges undisturbed

REWARD: Rodent – and other pests-control

IF YOU SEE THIS ENDANGERED ANIMAL CONTACT:

wildlife@carolinian.org or Mary Gartshore, Badger Recovery Team 519-586-3985



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BUTTERNUT

(*Juglans cinerea*)

ENDANGERED

Look for:

- Tree with a broad crown
- Young trees have grey, smooth bark; mature trees have grey bark with flat-topped ridges in a diamond pattern
- Large compound leaf, with 10 to 16 leaflets

Did You Know?

The Butternut is a member of the Walnut family

- The nut is edible
- It needs full sun to regenerate and thrive
- Is at risk from a serious fungal disease called Butternut Canker.

HELP! Identify trees before harvesting and report disease occurrences.

REWARD: Wildlife food source

IF YOU SEE THIS ENDANGERED TREE CONTACT:

wildlife@carolinian.org or Butternut Recovery Team www.fgca.net or call the Ontario Woodlot Association @ 1-888-791-1103



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Find a Habitat Partner in Oxford

A Helping Hand for Landowners

A Good Place to Start for Property Assistance

Stewardship Oxford ontariostewardship.org

Dave Depuydt 519-773-4704 Habitat conservation & restoration

Grand River Conservation Authority grandriver.ca

519 621-2761 Habitat conservation & restoration

Long Point Region Conservation Authority lprca.on.ca

519 428-4623 Habitat restoration & tree planting

Upper Thames River Conservation Authority thamesriver.on.ca

519-451-2800 Habitat protection and tree planting

Catfish Creek Conservation Authority catfishcreek.ca

519-773-9037 Habitat conservation & restoration

Specialized Project Assistance or Funding

Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program

mnr.gov.on.ca/Business/CLTIP/Index.html

1-800-268-8959 Tax incentives for private conservation

Ducks Unlimited Canada ducksunlimited.org

1-888-402-4444 Wetland protection and creation

Nature Conservancy of Canada natureconservancy.ca

1-866-281-5331 Land protection, conservation easements, Conservation Volunteers

Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association ontariosoilcrop.org

Cathy Dibble 519-463-9737 Environmental Farm Plan

Ontario Forestry Association oforest.on.ca

1-800-387-0790 Ontario Managed Forest Tax Incentive Program

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources mnr.gov.on.ca/mnr/speciesatrisk/

519-826-4925 Species at Risk Stewardship Fund

Meet Your Neighbours ~ Learn, Volunteer, Network

Canada's Outdoor Farm Show outdoorfarmshow.com

Held every year in mid-September near Woodstock

Friends of Cedar Creek thamesriver.ca/watershed_projects/cedar_creek.html

Community involvement, creek monitoring and enhancement

Ingersoll District Nature Club ingersollnature.ca

Environmental awareness, habitat stewardship and enhancement

Oxford County Trails Council

519-539-9800 Promotes trail development and responsible use of trails.

Woodstock Field Naturalists execulink.com/~wfnc/wildlife.htm

Environmental awareness and nature appreciation

Oxford Federation of Agriculture Janet Nussey 519-485-2442

Oxford County Woodlot Owners' Association

ont-woodlot-assoc.org/chapt_Oxford.html

Information about woodlot Management

Good Sources of Information

Conservation Ontario conservation-ontario.on.ca

Step Into Nature: Guide to Conservation Areas in Ontario

Association for Canadian Educational Resources aceracre.org

905-275-7685 Volunteer habitat monitoring

Canadian Wildlife Federation wildaboutgardening.org

Environment Canada 1-800-668-6767

Species at Risk sararegistry.gc.ca

Ecological Gifts Program on.ec.gc.ca/wildlife/ecogifts

Evergreen evergreen.ca

1-888-426-3138 Native Plant Database

Oxford Federation of Agriculture

Janet Nussy 519-485-2442

Land Owner Resource Centre lrconline.com

Management Options for Abandoned Farm Fields

Extension Notes: forestry, tree planting, agroforestry, wildlife & more

Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters invadingspecies.com

1-800-563-7711 Invasive species hotline, Habitat enhancement

Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs omafra.gov.on.ca

Best Management Practices: Buffer Strips, Fish & Wildlife

Ontario Nature ontarionature.org

1-800-440-2366 Volunteers for Nature,

Birds on the Farm: A Stewardship Guide

Ontario Society for Ecological Restoration serontario.org

Native Plant Resource Guide

Ontario Woodlot Association 1-888-791-1103 ont-woodlot-assoc.org

Comprehensive resources for woodland management

Royal Ontario Museum rom.on.ca

Online factsheets on Species at Risk

Tallgrass Ontario tallgrassontario.org

519-674-1543 Tallgrass and savanna conservation

Tourism Oxford tourismoxford.ca

1-866-801-7368 tourism@county.oxford.on.ca

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