

THANK YOU!

Every year we take one issue of the newsletter to recognize those businesses and organizations that go that extra mile in support of the Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association.

We would like to thank all those businesses and organizations that contribute time, resources, services and the ever popular door prizes for the Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting is organized by your association in partnership with a number of local organizations – but behind the scenes the organization of our trade show and the door prizes is the result of one person – *Tracey Boerkamp*. Usually months ahead of the event Tracey makes personal visits of each business and sponsor – and I think all would agree his efforts go above and beyond each year!

With such we would like each member to continue with their support of these various organizations and most importantly patronize those businesses which continue to support the Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association.

Organizations

Norfolk Federation of Agriculture

Norfolk County

Norfolk Land Stewardship Council

Long Point Region Conservation Authority

Businesses

2nd Ave Printing Ltd.

Bert Cronkwright

Cargill Waterford

Ed Chapple

Home Building Centre-Delhi

KTS Custom Construction

Michael's Interiors

New Orleans Pizza

Norfolk Tractor

Riddoch Lumber

St. Williams Nursery & Ecology Centre

TSC Store-Simcoe

Westburne Ruddy Electric

Acorus Restoration

Boston Pizza

Culligan

Rick Lambert Forestry Consulting

Caffery Hardware & Electric Ltd.

Long Point Basin Land Trust

Mitt & Robe

Lands & Forests Consulting – John

Ontario Woodlot Association

Rona Cashway-Simcoe

Staples

Turkstra Lumber Company Ltd.

Walpole Lawn & Garden Equipment

AgraTurf

Car Quest Delhi

Deb Canada

Godfathers Pizza

Jiffy Lube

M&M Meat Shops

NAPA Auto Parts-Delhi

Todd

Picard Peanuts

Royal Oak Feeds

Tall Grass Ontario

Vanden Bussche Irrigation

The Barrel Pizza & Pasta

Car Quest Waterford

Del Bac Sales

Halnor Farm Equipment

Kernal Peanuts

McKee Sport and Garden

Neptune Water

Norfolk Land Stewardship Council

Tie Boss-Rick Stechly

Springview Golf Course

Townsend Lumber

Waterford Auto Centre

PROJECT 1:1

If each member of the Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association convinces **ONE** family member, friend or neighbour to join the NWOA we will reach our goal of representation of 80% of Norfolk's private forest lands! *Working together we can benefit from what we learn from one another!*



WOODN'T YOU LIKE TO KNOW..... SPECIES @ RISK

The NWOA has been struggling with how to best inform our members of the Ontario Species at Risk legislation, how they can help conserve and protect Species at Risk, and how such new and evolving regulations impact private lands.

Most would concur that the Act and the development of the regulations has been poorly communicated to private landowners ~ the lack of leadership and capacity within the MNR is a result of the provincial government not properly allocating adequate resources.

The NWOA recognizes that our members have and continue to be stewards of these resources – both at risk and not – and only through working together and promoting best management practices can we lessen the angst created by this legislation.

We have to remember the reason we have such diversity in Norfolk County, like none other in Ontario, is not because of mismanagement but because of ongoing stewardship of private landowners.

How can we continue to support such efforts? How can we show the Province the capacity private landowners have – provided they are supported and recognized as part of the solution not the part of the problem.

Within this newsletter we will introduce the Species at Risk Act – call it SAR 101 – and in subsequent newsletters we will focus on those species protected by regulation within Norfolk County.


We hope that we can engage professionals and the MNR in answering some basic questions that create awareness.


This would culminate in a Norfolk County Species at Risk information session mid-fall.

If you have any specific questions please forward them to one of the Directors – as the goal of this series of articles is to both educate and create discussion.

Successful debate can only occur when we have all the facts.

Change only occurs as a result of successful debate.



 Ontario

Species
at Risk

American
Badger

American Badger

The American Badger is a stout, short-legged carnivore with grey fur and distinctive black and white stripes on the head and face. It is a powerful digger, using its long front claws to create underground dens or burrow out groundhogs and small rodents. Small populations of badgers live in tallgrass prairie patches, sand barrens and farmlands in northwestern and southwestern Ontario. At present, it is estimated that fewer than 200 American Badgers live here.

SPECIES AT RISK 101: Government Perspective

Q1. What is a "Species at Risk"?

A A "species at risk" is any naturally-occurring plant or animal in danger of extinction or of disappearing from the province. Once classified as "at risk", they are added to the Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) List.

More than 190 of Ontario's wild species are at risk. Species can become at risk due to a number of reasons. These include habitat loss, pollution, changing land use activities, as well as the spread of invasive species.

Q2. How are species classified as "at risk"?

A An independent committee of scientific experts (the Committee on the Status of Species at Risk in Ontario) determines how imperiled a species is and then assigns it to one of the following categories:

- Extirpated: No longer existing in the wild in Ontario, but still exists elsewhere (e.g. Greater-prairie Chicken)
- Endangered: Facing extinction or extirpation (e.g. American Badger).
- Threatened: At risk of becoming endangered (e.g. Eastern Hog-nosed Snake).
- Special Concern: Sensitive to human activities or natural events which may cause it to become endangered or threatened (e.g. Monarch Butterfly).

Within three months of reporting their assessments to the Minister of Natural Resources, the SARO List is automatically updated to include all of COSSARO's findings, resulting in a truly science-based list.

Q3. What is Ontario doing to protect species at risk?

A As soon as a species is listed as extirpated, endangered or threatened, it is automatically protected from harm.

Also immediately upon listing, the general habitats of endangered and threatened species are automatically protected from damage or destruction.

The government ensures the development of longer-term protection and recovery for all species on the list. Recovery strategies identifying steps to protect and restore populations are developed within one year for endangered species and within two years for threatened species. Species-specific habitat regulations that describe an area to be protected are developed one year after that.

Management plans are also prepared for special concern species within five years of being listed, outlining ongoing population monitoring as well as future recovery and research goals.

NEXT EDITION:

What Species at Risk are found in Norfolk County?

NWOA Directors – 2010

* year indicates the term the year expires at the AGM, the (number) indicates the number of terms served

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FOREST FUNNIES

Riddle: What kind of tree grows fingers on it?

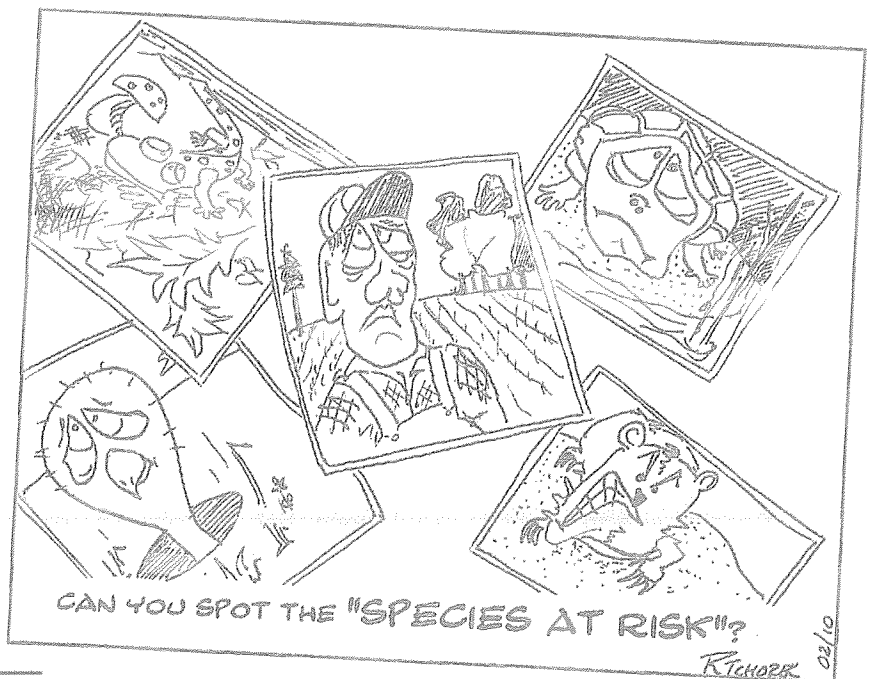
Answer: A palm tree

Riddle: How can you tell if a tree is a dogwood?

Answer: By its bark

Riddle: Which tree is always scared?

Answer: A trembling aspen



Don't Move Firewood

Buy Local!



UPCOMING EVENTS!

Thursday May 13th, 2010 TIME: 7:00 PM

Landowner Rights & Obligations Workshop

An overview of your rights and obligations as a landowner will be discussed with representatives from the O.P.P. and the MNR. Focus will be on trespass issues and solutions.



Directions: OMAFRA Auditorium
– east of Simcoe on Hwy 3 turn north onto Blue Line – 0.5 km to OMAFRA entrance

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE WORKSHOPS CONTACT: Dave Reid ~ NWOA Advisor 519-426-4259

Saturday May 22nd, 2010 TIME: 9:00 AM

Greening Norfolk County II

Directions: DeMaere 2 Property: 620 Highway 24 West, Walsingham, ON.

Help NCC green Norfolk County! For the second year in a row, volunteers can spend the day planting trees to help restore part of this property from former agricultural land back to its natural state. This property is located in the Southern Norfolk Sand Plain, an area with the highest level of intact forest cover in southwestern Ontario that provides a critical stopover site for migratory landbirds and waterbirds. By planting trees, you'll assist in building ecological connections to other nearby NCC properties and community conservation lands. Species at Risk that will benefit from this restoration project include Hooded Warbler, Eastern Hog-nosed Snake, and Grey Ratsnake.

Preregistration is mandatory. Sign up at link below or contact the Nature Conservancy volunteer Coordinator Kristyn Ferguson at (877) 343-3532 x 222 or Tom Bradstreet.

http://www.natureconservancy.ca/site/PageServer?pagename=vfn_events_ON

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE WORKSHOPS CONTACT: Tom Bradstreet ~ NWOA Director 519.586.7773 x 205

Monday June 7th, 2010 TIME: 7:00 PM

TWILIGHT TOUR

Invasive Species - as close to your backyard

Learn more about identifying invasive species and options for landowners.

Directions: 399 Norfolk St S Simcoe (Hwy 24 South) on east side (north of Evergreen Hill Rd)

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WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

A burning issue to some

Fuelwood, the Environment and the 21st Century

http://www.ont-woodlot-assoc.org/info_pub_fuelwood.html

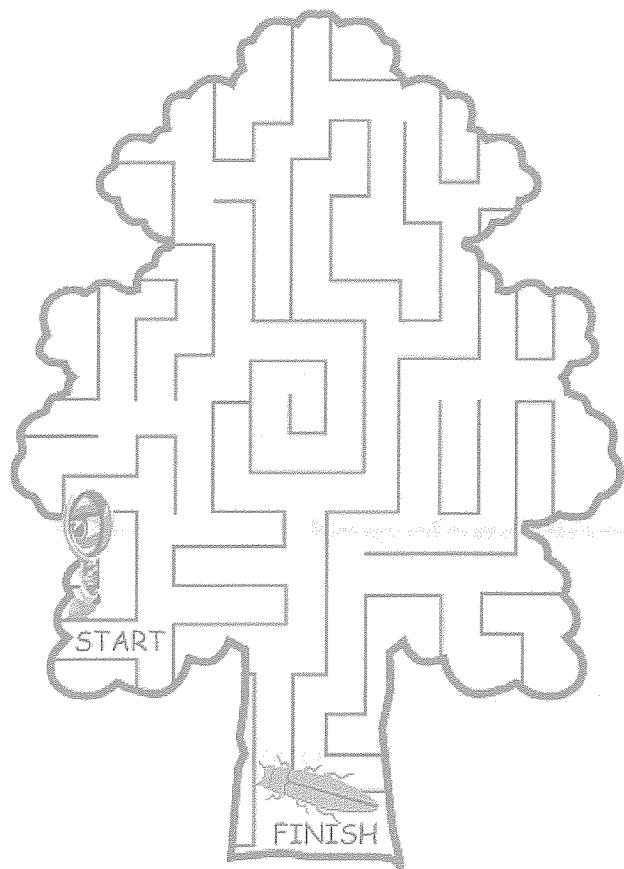
Table 2: Carbon Emissions for Fuel Combustion

Fuel	lbs carbon per million BTU
Biomass (wood)	0
Hydro	0
Solar	0
Wind	0
Coal	55
Residential Oil	47
Propane	38
Natural Gas	32

Table 1: Heating Equivalents

Depending on the species one cord (128 cubic feet) of dry firewood is the equivalent of:

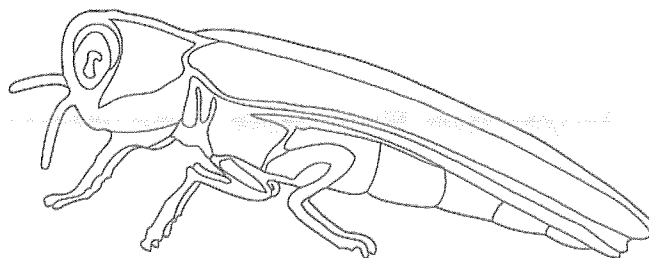
- 450 to 900 litres of No. 2 fuel oil;
- 100 to 200 therms of natural gas; or
- 2,000 to 4,000 Kwh of electricity



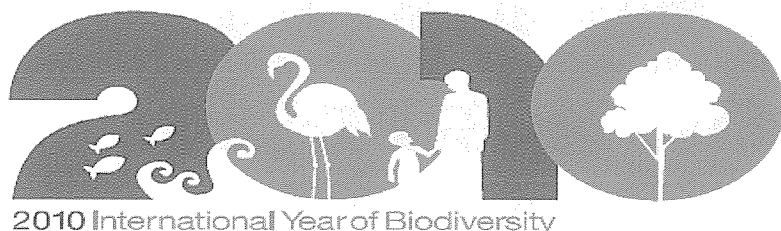
KIDS CORNER

You are the inspector.
Can you find the beetle?

What Colour Am I?



DO YOU KNOW WHAT I AM?



Biodiversity is life
Biodiversity is our life

The United Nations declared 2010 to be the International Year of Biodiversity. It is a celebration of life on earth and of the value of biodiversity for our lives. The world is invited to take action in 2010 to safeguard the variety of life on earth: biodiversity

"Goods and Services" provided by ecosystems include:

- Provision of food, fuel and fibre
- Provision of shelter and building materials
- Purification of air and water
- Detoxification and decomposition of wastes
- Stabilization and moderation of the Earth's climate
- Moderation of floods, droughts, temperature extremes and the forces of wind
- Generation and renewal of soil fertility, including nutrient cycling
- Pollination of plants, including many crops
- Control of pests and diseases
- Maintenance of genetic resources as key inputs to crop varieties and livestock breeds, medicines, and other products
- Cultural and aesthetic benefits
- Ability to adapt to change

Canadian Facts

The national parks of Canada store 4.43 gigatonnes (billion metric tonnes) of carbon, a service worth between \$11bn and \$2.2 trillion depending on the price of carbon in the market.

The ultimate decision-maker for biodiversity is the individual citizen. The small choices that individuals make add up to a large impact because it is personal consumption that drives development, which in turn uses and pollutes nature. By carefully choosing the products they buy and the government policies that they support, the general public can begin to steer the world towards sustainable development. Governments, companies, and others have a responsibility to lead and inform the public, but finally it is individual choices, made billions of times a day, that count the most.

2010

International Year of Biodiversity

You are an integral part of nature; your fate is tightly linked with biodiversity, the huge variety of other animals and plants, the places they live and their surrounding environments, all over the world.

You rely on this diversity of life to provide you with the food, fuel, medicine and other essentials you simply cannot live without. Yet this rich diversity is being lost at a greatly accelerated rate because of human activities. This impoverishes us all and weakens the ability of the living systems, on which we depend, to resist growing threats such as climate change.

2010 is the International Year of Biodiversity, and people all over the world are working to safeguard this irreplaceable natural wealth and reduce biodiversity loss. This is vital for current and future human wellbeing. We need to do more. Now is the time to act.

IYB2010@cbd.int

www.cbd.int/2010

WANTED

ALIVE IN NORFOLK!

You Can Help! Call if you see these Species.

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER

Melanerpes erythrocephalus
SPECIAL CONCERN

Look for:

- Bright crimson head
- White belly, black back & white wing patch

Did You Know? This woodpecker nests in cavities of dead (snags) & dying trees in open deciduous woods – Is attracted to peanuts & suet at birdfeeders – Is at risk due to habitat loss from logging, firewood cutting & dead-tree removal



Help! Leave snags & cavity trees in your woodlot

Reward: Protect trees from wood-boring insects

If you see this bird contact: wildlife@carolinian.org or Jody Allair, Bird Studies Canada 519-586-3531, ext. 207

BARN OWL

Tyto alba
ENDANGERED

Look for:

- Golden back & white breast with dark spots
- Dark eyes & no ear tufts

Did You Know? This owl emits a hair-raising screech – Roosts in barns, silos, abandoned buildings & trees & snags – Is at risk from habitat loss, raccoons, cats & cold, snowy winters



Help! Save grassland habitat – Put up nest boxes

Reward: Control mice & rats around farms

If you see this owl contact: wildlife@carolinian.org or Bernie Solymár, Ontario Barn Owl Recovery Team 519-426-7124

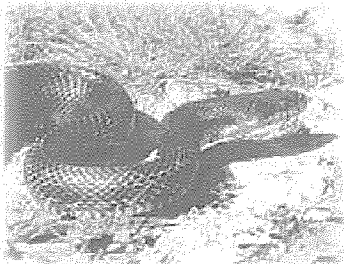
GRAY RATSNAKE

Elaphe obsoleta
THREATENED

Look for:

- Large, shiny black snake, with a white chin & throat

Did You Know? This is Ontario's largest snake – Is not venomous – constricts prey (rats & mice) – Is at risk from habitat loss & persecution by humans



Help! Plant hedgerows – Save grassy habitat on woodland edges – Appreciate snakes & don't harm them

Reward: Control mice & rats

If you see this snake contact: wildlife@carolinian.org or Peter Carson, Black Ratsnake Recovery Team 519-586-3985

AMERICAN BADGER

Taxidea taxus jacksoni
ENDANGERED

Look for:

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

Did You Know? The Badger is a nocturnal carnivore – Uses powerful claws to dig – Is at risk from habitat loss, road mortality & human persecution



Help! Save meadows & keep grassy borders around natural areas

Reward: Control rodents & other pests

If you see this animal contact: wildlife@carolinian.org or Mary Gartshore, Badger Recovery Team 519-586-3985

Free Downloads! More Posters from Carolinian Canada Coalition
Explore Carolinian Canada - www.carolinian.org - 519-433-7077

Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association Membership Application

Name:			
Address:		Postal Code	
Phone:		Fax:	
E-Mail:			

Please correct any mistakes above.

NEWSLETTER DELIVERY	REGULAR MAIL		EMAIL	
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Do You Own a Woodlot?	NO	ASSOCIATE MEMBER			
	YES	FULL MEMBER			
IF YES IS IT A FARM WOODLOT?	YES	NO		Verified Office Use Only	

WOODLOT LOCATION	Former Township	Lot	Conc.	Size (acres)

TAX ROLL NUMBER	3	3	1	0											
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Would you be interested in assisting on NWOA Committees? Yes _____ No _____.

Please send payment to: NWOA c/o Norfolk Forestry
95 Culver St. Simcoe, ON N3Y 2V5

Membership Fee – 2010 - \$20.00 (Cheques payable to NWOA)

Receipt

Norfolk Woodlot Owners Association MEMBERSHIP FEE \$ _____



FULL		Verified Office Use Only	
ASSOCIATE		Verified Office Use Only	

NEW MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE PROVIDED

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DATE

Rec'd by:

Thank you for your support!

TREES FOR ROADS

2010 APPLICATION FORM

Please submit application in **FULL** by **APRIL 22, 2010** to:

NORFOLK COUNTY 95 Culver St. Simcoe, ON N3Y 2V5

Phone: 519-426-5999 ext 2214

Fax: 519-426-0059



Surname											Given Name										
Tax Roll No.	3	3	1	0																	
Mailing Address											Town										
Postal Code											E-mail										
Daytime Phone No.	()										Business No.	()									
Proposed Planting Location																					
Lot											County	Norfolk									
Concession											Former Township										
Side of Road	North			South				East			West										
Estimated Length of area to contain planting:										ft.	Spacing: Every										ft.
Site Preparation Required / By Whom:										Soil Conditions:											

- Native Hardwood Species & Shrubs will be available this year (\$15.00 per tree / shrub) and selection will be discussed on site with Norfolk County staff.
- Spacing and location will depend upon suitability of site for species requested.
- An on site inspection will be provided and a decision made in regards to suitability of planting site.
- Eligibility for involvement in "Trees for Roads" maybe limited by overhead or underground utilities, site lines, drainage, road maintenance, or suitability of planting site.

Tree Species	Site Description		Tree Species	Site Description	
Hard Maple	- prefers well drained sites		Red Oak	- prefers moist/dry sites	
Hackberry	- prefers well drained sites		White Pine	- prefers well drained sites	
White Birch	- prefers moist/dry sites		Yellow Birch	- prefers moist sites	
Tulip	- prefers moist sites		Eastern Hemlock	- deep moist soils	
Bitternut Hickory	- prefers deep moist soils		Kentucky Coffee	- prefers moist/dry sites	

CONDITIONS

I hereby understand that payment in full must be made upon receipt of the invoice for the services provided under the Trees for Roads Program. Materials, such as, tree stakes remain property of the Trees for Roads program and will be removed and re-used within the program once the tree has established itself. It is understood that the partners cannot guarantee the survival of individual trees. Every effort will be made to assist the landowner in how they can increase the chances of survival and tree growth. Replacement trees will be offered the following year, subsequent years the trees will be replanted for \$10.00 per tree. The applicant agrees to allow the partners to enter upon their property to monitor the health, remove the tree stake, and undertake tree pruning (*where possible*). The Trees for Roads Program does not take any responsibility in the long-term care and maintenance of the trees planted under this program.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: _____

PLANTING LOCATION

Please indicate municipal address, roads, woodlots, buildings, etc.

NORTH