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in nature!**



Dear Forest,
I am so grateful to you
for giving me peace and
solitude in listening to the
wind rustling your leaves,
to the call of the barred
owl in the evenings, and
the constant yipping of
the coyotes throughout
the night. It makes me
realize how truly blessed
we are to live in such a
beautiful part of Ontario.
— A.



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Land Love Notes

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Welcome to Kawartha Land Trust's 2026–2027 Passport to Nature



For the fourth year, Kawartha Land Trust (KLT), is pleased to offer our popular Passport to Nature program — a series of free events in and about nature with the intent to connect people to the wonders of the natural world. These events are designed to appeal to a wide range of interests and create meaningful connections and lasting memories.

This year is KLT's 25th anniversary and we're back with new events and a few returning favourites for you, your friends, and family to enjoy! Whether it's in-person and on the land like our August bioblitz or from the comfort of your own home for our webinar on Pitcher Plants, we hope one of our events speaks to you and becomes part of your year.

We could not host these events without our amazing donors, volunteers, event facilitators, community organizations and advertisers. Thank you for supporting nature connection in the Kawarthas!

Take some time to read through this guide and see what events are on offer for the 2026-27 Passport to Nature program. Registration for our events is required and opens one month before each event. You can register on KLT's website at kawarthalandtrust.org/events.

We look forward to seeing you outside!

Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge that Kawartha Land Trust is located within Treaty 20 Michi Saagii Anishnaabeg territory on the traditional homelands and territory of the Michi Saagii and Chippewa Nations, collectively known as the Williams Treaties First Nations.

We offer our gratitude to First Nations for their care for and teachings about our Earth and our relationship to it. Kawartha Land Trust strives to honour these teachings through stewardship, respect for the land we protect, and expanded collaboration with Williams Treaties First Nations and other Indigenous peoples.

Protecting the Land You Love



Founded in 2001, Kawartha Land Trust (KLT) works to conserve and care for the natural and working lands in the Kawarthas for future generations.

Like you, we value natural environments, healthy ecosystems, and diverse landscapes and are committed to protecting and restoring them so that the many benefits they provide may be sustained.

KLT's Nature Reserves: Protected for Future Generations

As a land conservation charity, we work to help individuals, families, and the community realize their vision for protecting the land they love.

Here are just a few of the nature reserves that Kawartha Land Trust protects and stewards because of donors, volunteers, and **supporters like you!**



Emily Creek Wetland
(est. 2010)

Photo by
Melanie Beaulieu



Ingleton-Wells Property
(est. 2011)

Photo by
Dani Couture



Otonabee River Wetland
(est. 2022)

Photo by
Veronica Price-Jones

You Can Help Protect Nature in the Kawarthas

With your support, Kawartha Land Trust can continue to ensure the **conservation** of natural and working lands in the Kawarthas.

You can make a positive impact for nature in the Kawarthas:

- Make a donation
- Become a monthly donor
- Give a lasting legacy gift
- Celebrate an important occasion, birthday, or anniversary with a gift for nature

Learn more at kawarthalandtrust.org/giving-options

Volunteer with KLT

Volunteers are the heart and soul of our work. We're fortunate to have an enthusiastic and dedicated volunteer team who gives us the gift of their time to help KLT accomplish our land conservation and stewardship goals. As we continue to grow, so does our need for volunteers! Visit kawarthalandtrust.org/volunteer to learn more.

Learn more at kawarthalandtrust.org
or reach out to us at
info@kawarthalandtrust.org
or 705-743-5599.

Photo: Anna Lee



Volunteer Orientation at Hammer Family Nature Preserve

Plan your next adventure outdoors!

It's time to get outside — any time of year! Thanks to visionary land donors and dedicated donors, volunteers, and supporters like you, Kawartha Land Trust has a number of public access nature reserves that you can visit with your family and friends.

Learn more about KLT's community trails at:

www.kawarthalandtrust.org/connect-with-nature



Photo: Rachel Barrington

2026–2027 Calendar of Events

2026 Events

- **May 9** — Wings of Spring: Bird Migration in the Kawarthas
- **June 28** — Medicine Walks
- **July 11** — The Wild Path of Wonder: Inspiring Nature Activities for Families
- **August 8** — Become a Citizen Scientist: Bioblitz
- **October 3** — New to Nature Plant Identification
- **October 24** — Hearts and Hands: Tallgrass and Wildflower Seed Harvest
- **November 21** — Weaving Willow Stars
- **December 21** — Welcome the Winter Solstice

2027 Events

- **January 21** — The Pitcher Plant’s Potluck Webinar
- **February 20** — Screening of “Butterflies on the Brink” Documentary

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Cover photo: Pitcher Plant, taken by Ashley MacRae.

Planning your Passport to Nature adventure(s)

To make the most of your experiences and explorations of nature through Kawartha Land Trust's Passport to Nature program, here are a few helpful tips:

1. **Plan** your adventure(s). **Read** this guide and **choose** which **free event(s)** you would like to attend.

2. **Register** for events by visiting our website at kawarthalandtrust.org/events.

3. **Attend** and enjoy the event! For in-person events, remember to bring a water bottle, good walking shoes, and a jacket for cooler weather.

4. **Share** your photos with us! We love seeing photos from our events and protected lands. Tag KLT on your event social posts on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

5. **Sign up** for our e-newsletter to receive good news about nature in the Kawarthas in your inbox and learn about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, conservation successes, ways you can support nature, and more!

kawarthalandtrust.org/subscribe



Learn how to ID plants

Photo by Dani Couture



Learn about the Mottled Duskywing

Photo by Dan Riley



Collect tallgrass and wildflower seeds

Photo by Sammy Tangir

Protecting adventure for generations.

Save it for them.



Photo: Stephanie Lake



KAWARTHA LAND TRUST

Protecting the land you love.

Kawartha Land Trust is dedicated to protecting the land you love for future generations to enjoy. You can **Save It For Them** by visiting our website to learn more.

You can help. kawarthalandtrust.org/save-it-for-them

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Wings of Spring! Bird Migration in the Kawarthas

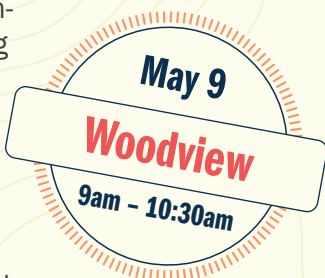


Indigo Bunting


Photo by Carol Hamilton

Join Kawartha Land Trust and naturalist and writer Drew Monkman at **KLT's Ingleton-Wells Property** (est. 2011) in North Kawartha for a walk and talk about spring and fall bird migration in the Kawarthas. Ingleton-Wells is a veritable hotspot for warblers as well as fan-favorites like Eastern Bluebird, Indigo Bunting and Scarlet Tanager.

Drew will share fascinating facts about bird migration, including some of the incredible physical feats involved, how birds navigate, timing and migration triggers, and the importance of stopover habitat (like land trust properties!). He'll also discuss some of the challenges that migrating birds face and how climate change is affecting migration patterns. You'll also learn about birding apps like eBird and Merlin and how Merlin's Sound ID feature is a game-changer for birdwatchers.



Facilitator: Drew Monkman

 **Participants:**
20 maximum

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to attend this free event: kawarthalandtrust.org/events



Did you know?


Wind direction, wind speed, precipitation, and even temperature changes affect daily bird migration sightings during migration seasons.

Medicine Walks

What parts of ourselves are reflected in the natural world? How do we listen to plants to understand their stories? And, how can we be in good relationships with these incredible helpers? Join Joseph Pitawanakwat from Creator's Garden on a walk exploring Anishinaabe Mishkiki Aadiziwin — Anishinaabe knowledge of plant medicine use. Come learn about the lessons plants all around us hold for living a better life on Anishinaabe aki.

This event will be held at **Tecasy Ranch**, a KLT Partners in Conservation member.

Facilitator: Joseph Pitawanakwat, Creator's Garden

 **Participants:**
30 maximum for each hike



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Partner in Conservation:
Tecasy Ranch.

Did you know?

Tecasy Ranch is a member of KLT's Partners in Conservation program. Through this special program, Kawartha Land Trust is able to thank private landowners in the Kawarthas for caring for nature on their lands and support them in land care initiatives. You can learn more at kawarthalandtrust.org/partners-in-conservation.

The Wild Path of Wonder: Inspiring Nature Activities for Families



Join us at KLT's Dance
Nature Sanctuary!

Join award-winning educator and author Jacob Rodenburg at **KLT's Dance Nature Sanctuary** for an immersive, hands-on experience designed to help children and adults deepen their love for the natural world. Drawing on more than 35 years of outdoor teaching, Jacob will share engaging, field-tested activities that spark curiosity, wonder, and connection.

Learn to follow scent trails like a fox, dance like honeybees, sing like frogs, create micro-trails, and make simple art from found, natural materials. Blending science, storytelling, sensory awareness, and playful exploration, this workshop offers practical, joyful tools to help families build meaningful relationships with nature, wherever they explore outdoors.

July 11

Young's Point

2pm - 4pm

Family-friendly

Facilitator: Jacob Rodenburg



Participants:

25 maximum
Children under 16
must be accompanied
by a parent or guardian.

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to attend this free event:
[kawarthalandtrust.org/events](https://www.kawarthalandtrust.org/events)



Did you know?

Kawartha Land Trust has iNaturalist projects for each of its public access properties? If you visit a KLT public access property, you can contribute to our information about the property by joining the relevant project and contributing your observations.

www.inaturalist.org/projects/kawartha-land-trust

Twenty Years of KLT's Dance Nature Sanctuary

Dr. Alice Sharpe (pictured here) generously donated Dance Nature Sanctuary to KLT in 2006 to ensure its permanent protection and use as a community gathering and learning space.

Since the donation, the land has been host to nature-based day camps, Indigenous bioblitzes that link Settler and Indigenous perspectives on conservation, student research projects, trail walks, community events, yoga, nature connection activities, birding workshops, and more.

Dance Nature Sanctuary is home to an abundance of wildlife, including Beaver, Fisher, Red Fox, Ruffed Grouse, at-risk Evening Grosbeak, and many others.

We remain grateful to Dr. Sharpe for ensuring Dance Nature Sanctuary remains just that — a sanctuary for nature forever.

Evening Grosbeak at KLT's
Dance Nature Sanctuary.
Photo by Hayden Wilson.



Become a Citizen Scientist: Bioblitz at KLT's Hammer Family Nature Preserve

Help nature by spending time in nature. Connect with the flora and fauna around you and contribute to citizen science while you're at it. Participate in a bioblitz at KLT's largest nature reserve, **Hammer Family Nature Preserve**, on the shores of beautiful Pigeon Lake. You will use the iNaturalist app on your smartphone to contribute your observations to our growing information about this special place.

Facilitators: KLT staff



Participants:

60 maximum (attendees will be split into three groups to cover more area and more species).



Contribute to
community science

Photo by
Dani Couture



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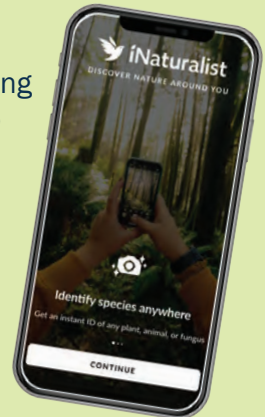


Did you know?

You can **prepare for our bioblitzes** (or bioblitzing on your own) by watching KLT's introduction to iNaturalist webinar that was led by volunteer Warren Dunlop.



Scan the QR code
to watch the video.



New to Nature Plant Identification

Join Diverse Nature Collective's Patricia Wilson for a welcoming, beginner-friendly plant identification workshop and guided walk at **Kawartha Conservation's Ken Reid Conservation Area**. This experience is designed for those new to exploring nature and curious about the plants around them. Together, we'll learn how to recognize common local species, deepen our connection to the land, and build confidence navigating natural spaces in a supportive and inclusive environment. No prior experience needed — just bring your curiosity!



Learn how to identify native plants

Photo by Chris Ferguson

Oct. 3

Lindsay

1pm - 3pm

Facilitator: Patricia Wilson, Diverse Nature Collective



Participants:
35 maximum

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Volunteer Richard Raper leading a guided hike at KLT's Ingleton-Wells Property in 2025.



Kawartha Land Trust, is a registered charity and hosts Passport to Nature events for the community at no cost to attendees.

If you would like to support KLT's efforts to protect nature in the Kawarthas for future generations, **you can make a donation at kawarthalandtrust.org/donate or scan this QR code.**

Thank you for protecting the **land you love in the Kawarthas.**

Hearts and Hands: Tallgrass and Wildflower Seed Harvest

Caring for Endangered ecosystems starts with you. Rare grassland ecosystems like tallgrass prairie and savannah are among the rarest ecosystems in Ontario. And they need your help. It's estimated that only 1-3% of Ontario's original prairies and savannahs remain.

You can help care for a rare tallgrass prairie by collecting tallgrass and wildflower seeds at **KLT's Ballyduff Trails**. This event is open to all ages. Register to contribute to the restoration of this critical ecosystem and enjoy the beauty of fall on the Oak Ridges Moraine.

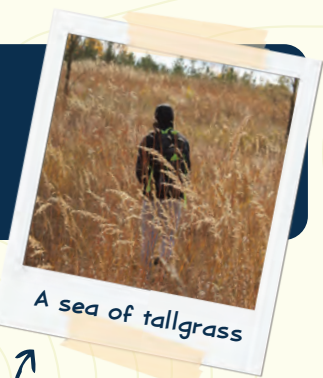
Facilitator: Ashley Cramer



Participants:

50 maximum

Family-friendly



A sea of tallgrass



Photo by Dani Couture

Oct. 24

Pontypool

1pm - 4pm

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Weaving Willow Stars

Join us for a magical, hands-on nature craft where creativity meets the outdoors. In this guided workshop at **Camp Kawartha Environment Centre**, Sammy Tangir will show you how to create your very own willow star – perfect as a decoration, gift, or keepsake. Sammy will provide soaked and prepared willow branches that she harvested from her willow farm, Bendy Farm, so that you can start weaving your very own star!

Facilitator: Sammy Tangir



Participants:
20 maximum



A selfie with Sammy Tangir



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Celebrate!

This year, Kawartha Land Trust celebrates 25 years of community-supported conservation in the Kawarthas!

Thanks to incredible volunteers, donors, and supporters like you, we're able to protect and care for natural and working lands in the Kawarthas for future generations. **Thank you for protecting the land you love!**

Welcoming the Winter Solstice

Welcome the Winter Solstice at **Gaming Nature Centre CEA**, KLT's first protected property! Join us for an evening hike and an opportunity to warm yourself by a fire with a hot chocolate. Enjoy and embrace the longest night of the year by exploring nature with Dale Leadbeater.



Photo by Opale Fugulin

Facilitator: Dale Leadbeater



Participants:
25 maximum

Snow or Shine Event



Dec. 21

Lindsay

4pm - 6:30pm



REGISTER HERE

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Stay in Touch!

You can sign up for KLT's e-newsletter to receive good news about nature in the Kawarthas and all things KLT in your inbox!

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Photo of an American Mink by Bob Hilscher

Webinar

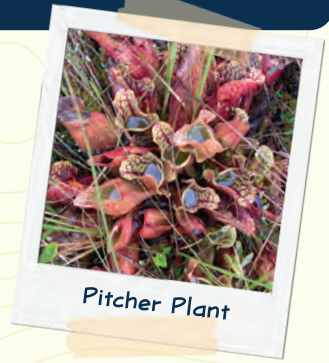
The Pitcher Plant's Potluck: A Population of Pitcher Plant's Unusual Diet

How much do we really know about what carnivorous plants eat? Aside from the typical insects and spiders, a population of pitcher plants in Algonquin Provincial Park was discovered to be quietly snacking on a much larger prey item – Spotted Salamanders! In this webinar, Amanda Semenuk will discuss her research into why salamanders enter these plant traps, what leads to their death, and what impact this unexpected food source may have on the plants themselves.

Facilitator: Amanda Semenuk



Participants:
300 maximum



Pitcher Plant

Photo by Ashley MacRae



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Can you name this carnivorous plant species that can be found in the Kawarthas?

(Find the answer on page 26)

Photo by Isa Prophet

Butterflies on the Brink: The Story of the Mottled Duskywing – A Documentary

Butterflies on the Brink is the gripping tale of a rare butterfly species' fight for survival on the edge of extinction. The Mottled Duskywing butterfly, found only in a handful of habitats in Ontario, is vanishing at an alarming rate. Witness the inspiring efforts of a dedicated recovery team as they work tirelessly to bring this species back to its former range.

Through painstaking research and groundwork, they are determined to reintroduce these butterflies and, in doing so, accomplish a momentous achievement in butterfly conservation in Canada. Their ultimate achievement depends not only on their own efforts but also on the butterflies' ability to withstand the ever-changing climate, invasive species, environmental degradation, and unforeseen challenges that lie ahead.

The documentary follows the research and recovery team, including Integrative Biology Professor Dr. Ryan Norris and his team at the University of Guelph, Biologist Jessica Linton, the Cambridge Butterfly Conservatory and Wildlife Preservation Canada, over three years. Narrated by Sarah Harmer.



Special thanks to Pinegrove Productions for making this event possible.

The documentary screening at the **Buckhorn Community Centre (BCC)** will be followed by a brief presentation by Hayden Wilson who will share Kawartha Land Trust's efforts to support this critically Endangered Butterfly in Trent Lakes and Karen Shearer from the Buckhorn Community Centre to highlight the BCC's new pollinator garden and what kind of plants support native butterflies.

Facilitators: Hayden Wilson and Karen Shearer



Participants:
100 maximum



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Meet the Passport to Nature Facilitators



Ashley Cramer is KLT's Land Stewardship Coordinator, She has experience working with Ontario Parks, conservation authorities, and not-for-profit organizations on ecological inventories and stewardship initiatives. Ashley is passionate about integrating sustainable choices into everyday life and believes in the power of collective action to create positive change. Outside of work, Ashley is an artist who draws inspiration from nature. She can also be found camping, lost in a book, or tending to her garden.



Dale Leadbeater is a retired botanist with roots that go back to a Junior Naturalist membership with the Federation of Ontario Naturalists in Grade 4. Since that time she has been involved with a range of naturalists' clubs in Pickering, Oshawa, Carden, and the Kawartha Field Naturalists. After a career at the University of Toronto in Botany, her two sons kept her busy until a third career teaching and environmental consulting claimed her. Ecological restoration and conservation became her passions.

Dale co-authored *The Flora of Kawartha Lakes* with Anne Barbour, exploring the ecological history of the area. An enthusiastic supporter of land trusts, Dale has worked with The Couchiching Conservancy as an event leader, Advisory Council member, and Director, and lives on a 200-acre Conservation Easement near Kirkfield, Ontario.



Drew Monkman is a lifelong naturalist, author, columnist, climate communicator, and retired French Immersion teacher. Since 2004, his environment and nature column has appeared in *The Peterborough Examiner*. Drew is the author of three books, including *Nature's Year in the Kawarthas*, which explores the unfolding seasons of central Ontario. For more than two decades, Drew led the development of a schoolyard naturalization project and outdoor classroom at Edmison Heights Public School, helping to foster hands-on environmental learning.

Drew uses his platform to raise awareness about climate change and the importance of connecting people of all ages with the natural world. He maintains an active social media presence and website at drewmonkman.com where he shares his columns, photography, and local climate-related information. Drew is a long-time member of the

Peterborough Field Naturalists and the local climate advocacy group For Our Grandchildren. His other passions include the Spanish language and travelling throughout Latin America.



Joseph Pitawanakwat is the Founder and Director of Creator's Garden, an Anishinaabe education business focused on plant identification, beyond-sustainable harvesting, and teaching everyone of their linguistic, historical, cultural, edible, ecological and medicinal significance through experiences. He has learned from hundreds of traditional knowledge holders and uniquely blends this knowledge with and reinforces it with an array of western sciences. Joseph is from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory and lives in Peterborough.



Jacob Rodenburg is Executive Director of Camp Kawartha and a leader in outdoor and environmental education with more than 35 years of experience. He teaches environmental education at Trent University, is an award-winning author, and a frequent keynote speaker. Jacob is the co-founder of the internationally recognized Pathway to Stewardship & Kinship program and led the development of one of Canada's most sustainable environmental learning centres. His work focuses on connecting children with nature, fostering stewardship, and inspiring educators and communities to support lifelong relationships with the land.



Karen Shearer is a life-long resident of Trent Lakes. She grew up hiking the woods and canoeing the waters. Like most folks, she didn't realize the importance of keeping our natural spaces natural, until she saw them shrinking away. The little butterfly garden at the Buckhorn Community Centre aims to take back space for nature, and to inspire all folks in our community to take back space for nature wherever they can.



Sammy Tangir (she/her) is a seed saver, willow grower, artist and botanist who aspires to be as good as squirrels at planting trees and processing nuts. She works in ecological restoration, farming and loves crafting with natural materials including weaving, wood carving and natural paint-making. Sammy grew up in Toronto and thanks to some wonderful mentors and an innate and never-ending curiosity she got inspired about plants, birds and beyond! She lives in Nogojiwanong and loves swimming and cycling around town. Instagram: [@sammytangir](https://www.instagram.com/sammytangir).



Amanda Semenuk is a Senior Park Naturalist at Algonquin Provincial Park. She holds a BSc in Zoology and a Master's degree in Ecology from the University of Guelph. During her undergraduate studies, Amanda worked at the Algonquin Wildlife Research Station providing meals for researchers and field course students. There, she spent her free time assisting with field projects before launching her own study on carnivorous plants. Her research explored a population of pitcher plants discovered to be capturing Spotted Salamanders, an unexpected addition to their usual prey.

In her current role, Amanda creates and delivers educational programs, connecting visitors with Algonquin's natural and cultural heritage. From guided hikes and evening programs to children's activities and historical re-enactments, she tells the park's stories through creative, engaging experiences. She believes curiosity is the starting point for conservation and strives to help others see wonder in even the smallest details of the natural world.



Hayden Wilson is KLT's Land Stewardship Manager. Previously, he worked for the Algonquin Wildlife Research Station where he facilitated projects on the park's flora and fauna. He has a particular fondness for herptiles, bats, fungi and rare plant communities and specializes in species at risk monitoring, outreach, and land management. Hayden holds two diplomas from Fleming College's Environmental Technician & Environmental Technology programs and has a passion for our native species and spaces.



Patricia Wilson is an environmentalist, community leader and social justice advocate who is passionate about diversifying the environmental field and advocates for proper representation and inclusivity in this sector. In 2021 Patricia founded Diverse Nature Collective (DNC), a grassroots social enterprise that works to empower, mobilize and create space for Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour within the environmental movement and reduce barriers to racialized folks in accessing nature. Through workshops, collaborative events and gatherings, Patricia creates BIPOC-centered spaces that help racialized folks gain confidence, build skills and connect with each other.

She works with academic institutions, environmental non-profits and other organizations to promote anti-racism and inclusive practices within their work through an intersectional and equity lens. Patricia is also the Executive Director of Community Race Relations Committee of Peterborough (CRRRC) which centers her in anti-racism/decolonization education work and advocacy for BIPOC community members.

Instagram: [@diversenaturecollective](https://www.instagram.com/diversenaturecollective)

Scavenger Hunt

Your Year in Nature



How many can you find this year?



A mushroom smaller than your thumb



A frog



A yellow wildflower



An acorn



Animal tracks



A hiking trail sign



A bird's feather



An animal with fur



Moss



A bird



Limestone or granite



A fern

We're excited to celebrate the 10th anniversary of KLT's Stony Lake Trails network!

Established in 2016, the trails are a popular destination year-round.

Stony Lake Trails would not have been possible without the support of donors, volunteers, and neighbouring landowners. Thank you!

We hope you'll visit and enjoy your time in nature.

Plan your visit! kawarthalandtrust.org/connect-with-nature



10 years of memories in nature



The answer from page 19 is: Round-leaved Sundew!
Three species of sundews can be found in Ontario, including Round-leaved, Spatulate-leaved, and Slenderleaf.



An engaged community that is inspired to learn about, appreciate, and conserve nature in all its forms.

Come & explore with us!



Nature Journaling



Kids' Christmas Bird Count



Connect in Nature as a family by joining the **Junior Naturalists**

For more information contact juniors@peterboroughnature.org



Sounds of Spring Frog Walk

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Protect Your Land...Forever



**Donating Your Land to Kawartha Land Trust
to Ensure its Protection**

Nature in the Kawarthas inspires awe. If you own land in the Kawarthas, you know how special that land is. And you know what it's like to experience the beauty of your land season after season and year after year.

In our heart of hearts, we all hope that the Kawarthas we love and cherish will remain wild and beautiful forever.

That vital wildlife habitat remains untouched by unsustainable development, wetlands thrive undisturbed, and the serenity of the forests we enjoy spending time in will be enjoyed in the same way by future generations. By donating your land to Kawartha Land Trust, you can ensure the permanent protection of its natural features and potentially qualify for capital gains and income tax benefits.

Create a Lasting Legacy: Protect the Land You Love With KLT

Kawartha Land Trust (KLT), a trusted regional charity with deep local knowledge, can work with you to secure the vital wildlife habitats on your property and ensure the land and all of its important ecological features are protected forever. For your peace of mind, for nature, and for future generations to enjoy as you have.

If you have questions about how you can protect your land, please reach out to us at protectland@kawarthalandtrust.org, or call us at **705-743-5599. We look forward to learning more about the land you love.**



**“Putting off until tomorrow
may deprive you of donating to
protect your precious land from
development, financial advantages,
and just the sheer joy of giving.”**

— Land Donor, KLT's Pipers' Woods.

Creating Memories on the Land We Love

Thank you to everyone who joined us and supported our 2025-26 Passport to Nature program! We had a great time out on the **land we love!**



"Dawn Chorus" at Tecasy Ranch
Photo by Isa Prophet



"How to Catch a Fish with Care"
Photo by Ben Stark



Bioblitzing with KLT
Photo by Chris Gooderham



"Guided Hike" at
KLT's Ingleton-Wells Property
Photo by Angelina Gordon



"Wood Wide Web"
Photo by Ryan McNeil-Smith



"Nature-inspired Ink
and Art Making"
Photo by Sammy Tangir



"Winter Solstice Night Hike"
Photo by Barb Rimmer



"Wonderful World of Wetlands"
Photo by Ryan McNeil-Smith

Would you like to protect nature in the Kawarthas for future generations? You can give a gift to nature at kawarthalandtrust.org/donate.

Thank you for protecting
the land you love!



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Partners in Conservation Program

Founded in 2001, Kawartha Land Trust (KLT) conserves and stewards diverse natural and working lands in the Kawarthas for future generations.

We also enhance our stewardship of the land by partnering with private landowners in land care initiatives through our Partners in Conservation program.

KLT has worked with dozens of landowners in the Kawarthas on stewardship projects that make a difference on our shared landscape.

Here are a few examples of projects we have helped with on Partners in Conservation member's properties:



Planted native wildflowers.

Lowered culvert to reconnect coldwater stream.



Planted trees.
Photo by Richard Gauder.

Quotes from Participating Landowners:

I'm happy to do what I can to improve our property's contribution to the environment and thankful for KLT's information and support.

Our family plants a lot of trees. With KLT's help, we've planted a lot more.

Any landowner would benefit from the stewardship report. They're beautiful and informative.

Become a Partner in Conservation

Learn more about KLT's Partners in Conservation program and frequently asked questions at kawarthalandtrust.org/partners-in-conservation.

- 1 Contact us!** Call or email us and let us know why you're interested in the program or ask any questions you may have.
- 2 Inventory:** Where appropriate, KLT will conduct a property inventory and prepare a customized report for you, with maps and insight that reveal the value of your land.
- 3 Planning:** Together, we will explore projects to support mutual environmental goals for your land.
- 4 Ongoing Support:** Our staff can help execute projects, share information relevant to your land, and maintain a conversation/relationship with you and your land.

Connect With Us!

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Protecting (and Having Fun!) on the Land You Love

Kawartha Land Trust's Passport to Nature program is a **series of free, guided events** and nature adventures in the Kawarthas. Consider it your "passport" to spend time outside learning more about the land you love and having fun.



This booklet lists all of our in-person and online events for 2026-2027. Look through the pages and find events that interest you. Bring your family and friends and enjoy time in nature and try something new.

Kawartha Land Trust (KLT) is a land conservation charity that protects natural and working lands in the Kawarthas. Our mission is to protect the land entrusted to us and help others protect the land they love in the Kawarthas. You can learn more about Kawartha Land Trust and our work at kawarthalandtrust.org.



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How you can help protect nature in the Kawarthas:
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