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André Lachance

Thames Talbot Land Trust (TTLT) protects and restores nature within Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford, and Perth counties and the City of London, in the current and traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples including the Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabeg, Lenapeewak, Chonnonton, and Wendat Peoples.

Through the efforts of staff, volunteers, donors, and community partners, we strive to conserve natural lands and inspire a connection to nature at the local level. TTLT safeguards land through purchase, donation, or conservation easement agreements, and cares for the land through conservation and restoration initiatives. TTLT also hosts events and programs aimed at nurturing people's connection to nature to inspire wonder, promote well-being, and increase support for these protected areas.

Since 2000, TTLT has protected more than 1,052 ha (2,600 ac) of land across 32 sites and counting. These nature reserves include wetlands, forests, meadows, agricultural lands, and the homes of more than 100 species at risk. These lands and waters have been under the continuous care of Indigenous Peoples from time immemorial. We are committed to working in a spirit of reconciliation, collaboration, and respect to build a greener and more inclusive future.

Cover photo by Laure Neish – see page 4

ABOUT THE COVER PHOTO



The cover of our booklet features a vibrant male Chestnut-sided Warbler in his striking summer plumage, photographed in mid-May by Laure Neish at Talbot Village Ponds in southwest London. Captured during spring migration, this breeding male had briefly emerged from the dense vegetation that lines the sidewalk—so close to the pavement that Laure was

able to enjoy an unforgettable, up-close encounter. Unlike many warblers that remain shy and high in the canopy, Chestnut-sided Warblers often let curiosity lead the way and are just as keen to get a good look at birdwatchers as birdwatchers are to get a look at them. Flashy and unmistakable, this male displays a crisp white breast, a bright yellow crown, black facial markings, and rich chestnut streaking along his flanks—features that define his breeding attire. His cheerful song, often remembered as “pleased, pleased, pleased to meetcha!” rings out during the breeding season, the accented “meetcha” a spirited flourish of courtship. In fall, he molts into softer lime-green and grayish-white tones, losing the chestnut flanks and adopting a distinct white eye-ring before migrating to Central America, where he winters. Thriving in thickets, young forest habitats and human-altered landscapes alike, this adaptable and charismatic songbird embodies both the energy of spring migration and the resilience of a species at home in changing environments.

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WELCOME TO TTLT'S PASSPORT TO NATURE

How to Participate

1. Review Events (starting on page 9)

There are many ways to enjoy nature, including walking, birdwatching, finding flowers, practising yoga, or just relaxing. This program offers a variety of fun, free opportunities for you to connect with nature. Registration opens one month before each event. If an event is at capacity, you can reach out to us to be placed on a waiting list or consider volunteering to support the event.

2. Register

Visit www.thamestalbotlandtrust.ca, click on “Upcoming Events,” and look for Passport to Nature events. You will receive a confirmation email upon registering. Please check the box to subscribe to our email list to ensure you receive event-specific details the day before the event.

If you have difficulty with registration, please email info@ttl.ca or phone 519-858-3442.

3. Attend

Attend the event, learn, and enjoy! For in-person events, don't forget to bring water, appropriate clothing, sturdy footwear, and protection against biting insects. **Please leave pets at home.**

4. Share

Share your experience by sending your photos to info@ttl.ca or tagging us in your photos on social media with #TTLT and #PassportToNature.

5. Cancellation

If you must cancel, please let us know as soon as possible. Click the cancellation link in your confirmation email, call us at 519-858-3442, or email us at info@ttl.ca. This will allow someone else to take your place.

Events may be subject to change.

Please check www.thamestalbotlandtrust.ca regularly for updates.

WHAT IS A LAND TRUST?

Land Trusts in Ontario

Land Trusts are non-profit, charitable organizations that acquire land or interests in land (such as conservation easements) for the purpose of conservation, access to nature, and community connection. Thames Talbot Land Trust is one of over 50 land trusts that operate in Ontario in association with the Ontario Land Trust Alliance (OLTA). Together, these organizations protect more than 75,676 ha (187,000 ac) of land.

Being private entities, with no government authority or power, land trusts offer an appealing alternative for land protection and attract a wide range of donors and volunteers. Land trusts secure land by purchase, donation, or through conservation easement agreements and care for the land in ways that protect its natural, scenic, agricultural, or cultural values.

More About Thames Talbot Land Trust

We Protect Lands, Habitat and Natural Heritage

With the help of passionate volunteers and supporters, we have created a growing network of nature reserves that protect and conserve our natural heritage. We work with landholders, donors, and other organizations to permanently protect significant habitats, ecosystems, agricultural lands, and places for species at risk. In the last year, TTLT added Birch Hollow, MapleCross – Bass Woods, Bradshaw Conservation Lands, SpringRush Farm CEA, and Sycamore Valley as new nature reserves and completed the expansion project at Hawk Cliff Woods.

We Restore Ecosystems

We create healthy habitats, including those for some of Canada's rarest species, by planting native plants, managing non-native species, and restoring wetland and meadow habitats. In this way, and through species monitoring, we provide native plants and wildlife with opportunities to not only survive but thrive. Restoration activities provide many opportunities for volunteers to roll up their sleeves and help.

We Nurture a Love of Nature

TTLT offers a variety of free events and programs to connect people with nature, stimulating curiosity about, and understanding of, our natural world. Through guided hikes, interpretive signage, webinars, and skill-building workshops, we strive to share our knowledge, experience, and love of nature with everyone. Volunteers play important roles in carrying our message into the community.

Explore and Connect with Nature

Visit one or more of the TTLT nature reserves open to the public:

- Meadowlily Nature Preserve
- Joany's Woods
- Five Points Forest – Driedger Tract
- Wardsville Woods
- Sitler Woods
- Hawk Cliff Woods

There is Much More to be Done

While TTLT has achieved a great deal in its first 25 years, pressures on natural lands are greater than ever. Decisions we make today will determine our planet's future. To ensure a healthy planet for ourselves and future generations, we need to protect the nature we still have, restore what we have lost, and ensure everyone in our communities has a chance to fall in love with nature. Working together, we can build greener and healthier landscapes so all living beings can thrive.

For more information on how you can help, please speak to our staff or visit our website at www.thamestalbotlandtrust.ca.



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HEALTH AND SAFETY IN THE FIELD

Please be safe when visiting TTLT nature reserves!

- Cover up – a hat, long sleeves, and long pants are the first line of protection from sun and insects.
- Use sunscreen to protect exposed skin.
- Use an insect repellent that contains “DEET” or “icaridin” on skin and clothing. Always read and follow the directions on the label.
- Wear closed-toed shoes to protect your feet.
- Carry lots of water and snacks.
- Stay on marked trails.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Use the buddy system – if you're alone, let someone know where you will be and check in with them occasionally.



Ticks and Lyme Disease

You may encounter ticks that can carry Lyme Disease at any outdoor space. To stay safe, please use the following precautions recommended by the Ontario government, in addition to those noted above.

- Wear light-coloured clothing to make it easier to see ticks, wear long pants, and tuck your pants into your socks.
- Consider wearing special clothing designed to repel ticks.
- Check your body thoroughly for ticks after being outdoors. Promptly removing ticks can help prevent infection. The more checks the better!
- When you get home, put your clothes in the dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill any ticks that might be in your clothing.

For more information, visit
www.ontario.ca/page/lyme-disease

Consult a health care professional right away if you have been somewhere that ticks might live and experience any of the following symptoms: rash, fever, chills, headache, stiff neck, muscle aches, joint pains, fatigue (more tired than usual), swollen lymph nodes, spasms, numbness or tingling, or facial paralysis.



PASSPORT TO WESTMINSTER PONDS CENTRE

Beginner Birding Hike With Quinten Wiegiersma at Westminster Ponds Centre

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Are you curious about birds and want to learn how to spot them? Join Quinten Wiegiersma, birding enthusiast, for a beginner session on birding. This family-friendly morning adventure will take you through the varied landscapes of the Westminster Ponds Centre while we learn to look and listen for our feathered friends.

Put your ears and eyes to the test! This event is for those with little-to-no birding experience, but all are welcome to join.



Saturday,
April 25, 2026
10 am–12 pm

Registration is required and spaces are limited. Event may be subject to change or postponement due to unforeseen circumstances. Directions and additional information will be provided at time of registration, which opens March 25, 2026 at www.ttlf.ca.

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PASSPORT TO FIVE POINTS FOREST — DRIEDGER TRACT

Wildflower Walk

With David & Winifred Wake at
Five Points Forest – Driedger Tract

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Celebrate native spring wildflowers at TTLT's Driedger Tract near Ingersoll. We will encounter a variety of habitats, including second-growth woodlands, pocket wetlands and swamp forest. Special attention will be given to the deciduous forest on a moraine ridge. This area supports a fine array of fascinating spring flowers, each with its own story. You may wish to bring a camera, binoculars and a notebook. Be prepared for muddy conditions.

Registration is required and spaces are limited. Event may be subject to change or postponement due to unforeseen circumstances. Directions and additional information will be provided at time of registration, which opens April 2, 2026 at www.ttl.ca.



David Wake

Saturday,
May 2, 2026
9:30 am–12 pm

COMMUNITY WILDFLOWER GARDENING AT HAWK CLIFF WOODS

Tuesday, May 19, 2026
10 am–12 pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

The Auzins Community Wildflower Garden at Hawk Cliff Woods South is a demonstration site for native plant gardening. It is also a source of seeds for people who want to grow native plants in their own gardens. Join us in the garden to learn about native plants and to help maintain the space (primarily weeding and keeping the trail clear). We provide gardening gloves, knee pads, and tools if needed, but feel free to bring your own as well!



David Wake

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT UTRCA WATERSHED CONSERVATION CENTRE

Thursday, June 4, 2026
6:30 pm–8:30 pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join TTLT members and supporters at our Annual General Meeting, where we make important decisions for the organization. Catch up with old friends and make new ones too! This will be a hybrid meeting, meaning you can join in person or via Zoom. All are welcome to attend, but only members may put forth motions and vote.



Darby Alderson



ARIELLE KAYABAGA

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Payton Landsborough

COMMUNITY WILDFLOWER GARDENING AT WARDSVILLE WOODS

Tuesday, June 9, 2026
10 am–12 pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join us for some summer gardening at the Wardsville Woods Community Wildflower Garden. The garden is planted with native perennials that provide important food and habitat for birds, insects, and other creatures. It also serves as a demonstration site and source of seeds for the community. Come volunteer and help us weed and clear the trail to maintain this beautiful garden. We provide gardening gloves, knee pads, and tools, but feel free to bring your own as well!



Hazel Elmslie

BUTTERFLY FESTIVAL AT MEADOWLILY NATURE PRESERVE

Saturday, June 13, 2026
11 am–2 pm

DROP-IN, REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED

Join us in the meadow at Meadowlily Nature Preserve (17 Meadowlily Rd S, London, ON) to learn about the amazing diversity of butterflies that can be found in London. Dr. Nusha Keyghobadi and students from her Western University lab will teach you how to catch butterflies with a net, gently observe them up close, and release them back into the wild. On your way in/out of the meadow, play some nature bingo and make native wildflower seed balls to attract butterflies to your yard at home. All ages are welcome!

This event is generously sponsored by:



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PASSPORT TO MEADOWLILY NATURE PRESERVE

Yoga in Nature

With Leigh Shand at Meadowlily Nature Preserve

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Nature and yoga have many benefits for the mind, body, and soul, so it makes perfect sense to combine the two! Join Leigh Shand, Certified Ayurvedic Yoga Teacher, Wellness Coach, and nature lover, for a 60-minute seasonal yoga practice at Meadowlily Nature Preserve in southeast London. Please bring your own mat, comfortable exercise clothing, and a reusable water bottle. No experience required. Namaste.



Julie May

Sunday,
June 14, 2026
9 am–10 am

Registration is required. Event may be subject to change or postponement due to unforeseen circumstances. Additional information will be provided at time of registration, which opens May 14, 2026 at www.ttl.ca.



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COMMUNITY WILDFLOWER GARDENING AT HAWK CLIFF WOODS

Tuesday, June 23, 2026
10 am–12 pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

The Auzins Community Wildflower Garden at Hawk Cliff Woods South is a demonstration site for native plant gardening. It is also a source of seeds for people who want to grow native plants in their own gardens. Join us in the garden to learn about native plants and to help maintain the space (primarily weeding and keeping the trail clear). We supply gloves, kneeling pads, and tools, but feel free to bring your own!

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION VIA ZOOM

Thursday, July 16, 2026
7 pm–8 pm

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Do you want to help protect, restore, and nurture nature? Join TTLT's Volunteer Coordinator for a virtual Volunteer Orientation event over Zoom to learn more about volunteer opportunities with TTLT. Discover what interests you within our stewardship, outreach, and office volunteer programs. The session will consist of a general introduction to TTLT, a brief overview of the program, and suggestions about how to get started.



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PASSPORT TO DEER HAVEN

Meadow Wildflowers With Payton Landsborough at Deer Haven

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Explore the restored meadow at Deer Haven with certified plant nerd Payton Landsborough. Learn about showy native wildflowers that host a diversity of native pollinators and other insects. We'll also talk about meadow ecology and the importance of open-country habitats for birds, insects and other wildlife. This is a rare opportunity to visit Deer Haven, which is usually closed to the public. Whether you are a plant ID expert or just enjoy meandering through a meadow, don't miss this chance to explore this fascinating nature sanctuary!

Registration is required and spaces are limited. Event may be subject to change or postponement due to unforeseen circumstances. Directions and additional information will be provided at time of registration, which opens June 25, 2026 at www.ttl.ca.



André Lachance

Saturday,
July 25, 2026
10 am–12 pm

PURPLE LOOSESTRIPE CUTTING AT NEWPORT FOREST

Wednesday, July 29, 2026
10 am–1 pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join TTLT's stewardship staff at Newport Forest (near Wardsville, ON) to help manage this site's population of Purple Loosestrife. This plant is a persistent invasive species that produces an abundance of seeds and creates dense stands that block out native plants. Our goal is to cut off the flower heads to reduce the number of seeds available to spread into the surrounding habitat. Training, safety equipment, and tools will be provided.



Nela Jankechova

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Birch Hollow – Five Points Forest

Birch Hollow was donated by Kristian Carson of 27862083 Ontario Inc. in 2025. The 11-ha (27-ac) site is located within the Five Points Forest Wetland Complex, which is designated as a Provincially Significant Wetland. Birch Hollow contains swamps, thickets, forests and an agricultural buffer habitat. Its hemlock forest, which connects with Ross's Woods, serves as an important ecological corridor for wildlife. This nature reserve is not open to the public, except for special events.



MapleCross – Bass Woods

MapleCross – Bass Woods is a 27-ha (73-ac) site that was purchased in 2025. Located in West Elgin, along the Thames River and just 13 kilometres from Wardsville Woods, this site features a mature, intact forest and meadow alongside a small agricultural field. The forest contains Black Maple, Blue Ash, Sugar Maple, and Basswood. Grassland species such as Wild Bergamot, Little Bluestem, and Thimbleweed can be found blooming in the meadow. The site's unique landscape and location make it valuable for erosion control, water filtration, and as a habitat for species at risk. This nature reserve is not open to the public, except for special events.



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PASSPORT TO WESTMINSTER PONDS CENTRE

River Revery – Music and Poetry

With Penn Kemp & Ann Denny
at Westminster Ponds Centre

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

River Revery is a collaboration between Penn Kemp and Ann Denny—commingling Penn's ecological poetry dedicated to the Thames River, with Ann's musical improvisations. Join us for a marvellous hour of poetry and music in a gorgeous setting. We're celebrating our Antler River, also known as Deshkan Ziibi to the Anishinaabek here. For text and animations of several poems, see www.riverrevery.ca.

Registration is required and spaces are limited. Event may be subject to change or postponement due to unforeseen circumstances. Directions and additional information will be provided at time of registration, which opens July 8, 2026 at www.ttlf.ca.



Photo courtesy of London Public Library

Saturday,
August 8, 2026
2 pm–3 pm



Sarah Law

HAPPY HABITATS FESTIVAL AT WESTMINSTER PONDS CENTRE

Saturday, August 15, 2026
12 pm–3 pm

DROP-IN, REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED

Join us at the Westminster Ponds Centre (944 Western Counties Rd, London, ON) to learn about different types of habitats and how to keep them happy! This family-friendly festival will focus on the health, diversity, and wonder of our local habitats through a variety of nature-related activities and a live reptile demonstration by Scales Nature Park. Let's keep our habitats happy and have fun while doing it!

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David Wake

COMMUNITY WILDFLOWER GARDENING AT HAWK CLIFF WOODS

Thursday, September 10, 2026
10 am–12 pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

The Auzins Community Wildflower Garden at Hawk Cliff Woods South is a demonstration site for native plant gardening. It is also a source of seeds for people who want to grow native plants in their own gardens. Join us in the garden to learn about native plants and to help maintain the space (primarily weeding and keeping the trail clear). We supply gloves, kneeling pads, and tools, but feel free to bring your own!



Payton Landsborough

MEADOW SEED COLLECTING AT HAWK CLIFF WOODS

Wednesday, September 16, 2026
11 am–1 pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join us at Hawk Cliff Woods North to collect seeds in the meadow. We'll be collecting seeds from a range of native wildflowers and grasses to use in restoration projects, to plant at our community wildflower gardens, and to make seed packets to share at community events. All are welcome as we'll provide training in seed head identification during the event. No knowledge, experience, or equipment is needed to join in on the native seed collecting fun! Feel free to take seeds home to use in your own garden or restoration project.

PASSPORT TO WARDSVILLE WOODS

Creative Inquiry With Jamie Vojvodin at Wardsville Woods

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Creative Inquiry focuses on observing and noticing nature in dynamic ways, with guided prompts and opportunity for conversation about what and how everyone notices. Participants will use a small notebook and a pen (not pencil, to encourage unfiltered and imperfect observation) to complete a variety of inquiry-based artistic documentary exercises. Let your curiosity and creativity flow as you explore nature with paper and pen.



Jamie Vojvodin

Saturday,
September 12,
2026
10 am–12 pm

Registration is required and spaces are limited. Event may be subject to change or postponement due to unforeseen circumstances. Directions and additional information will be provided at time of registration, which opens August 12, 2026 at www.ttl.ca.

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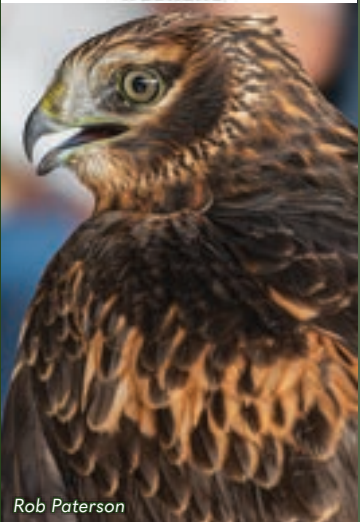


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Rob Paterson

HAWK CLIFF WOODS MIGRATION WEEKEND

Saturday, September 26 and
Sunday, September 27, 2026
10 am–3 pm

DROP-IN, REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED

Celebrate the spectacular fall migration of hawks and other raptors as well as Monarch butterflies at this free outdoor event. This weekend is hosted in partnership with the St. Thomas Field Naturalist Club, Hawk Cliff Raptor Banders, and Volunteers of Monarch Watch. Learn about migrating raptors and Monarch butterflies, their lives, and their conservation challenges and opportunities. The presentation schedule will be available on the TTLT website on August 26, 2026. Hawk Cliff Woods is located east of Port Stanley.






This event is generously funded by Wild Birds Unlimited, Elgin County, and the Government of Ontario.





PASSPORT TO JOANY'S WOODS

Fungi in Focus

With Spore & Lore Inc. at Joany's Woods

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Step outside and into the wilds with Spore & Lore Inc. on a guided, fungi-focused hike through the forested landscapes of Joany's Woods. This hands-on experience invites participants to observe and identify mushrooms where they naturally occur. Throughout this hike, we'll explore their physiology, life cycles, ecological role, hidden relationships and common misconceptions. Expect curiosity, discovery and a deeper appreciation for these organisms that quietly hold the wilds together.

Registration is required and spaces are limited. Event may be subject to change or postponement due to unforeseen circumstances. Directions and additional information will be provided at time of registration, which opens September 4, 2026 at www.ttl.t.ca.



Colin Johnson

**Sunday,
October 4,
2026
8 am–10 am**



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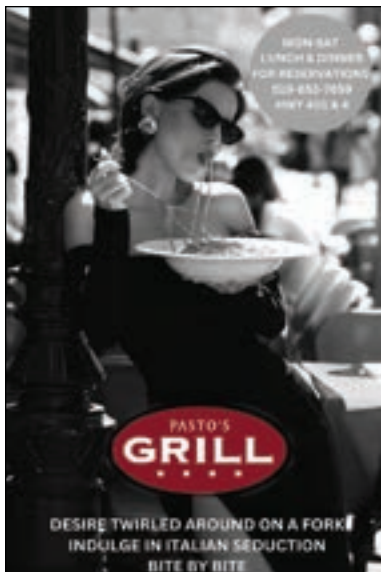
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MEADOW SEED COLLECTING AT WARDSVILLE WOODS

Tuesday, October 13, 2026
11 am–1 pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join us at Wardsville Woods to collect seeds in the meadow. Located within the Skunks Misery Natural Area, Wardsville Woods is a beautiful nature reserve that is home to one of TTLT's community wildflower gardens. We'll be collecting seeds from a range of native wildflowers and grasses to use in restoration projects, to plant at our community wildflower gardens, and to make seed packets to give away at community events. All are welcome as we'll provide training in seed head identification during the event. No knowledge, experience, or equipment is needed to join in on the native seed collecting fun! Feel free to take seeds home to use in your own garden or restoration project.



David Wake

NATIVE PLANT GARDENING WORKSHOP AT WARDSVILLE WOODS

Thursday, October 15, 2026
10 am–12 pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Are you interested in gardening with native plants but don't know where to start? Join the TTLT stewardship team on site at the Wardsville Woods Community Wildflower Garden for a live demonstration. We'll cover the basics about the different planting needs for a variety of native plant species, and you'll get your hands dirty with some practice in the community garden. We supply gloves, kneeling pads, and tools, but feel free to bring your own.

This event is generously funded by the Government of Ontario.



PASSPORT TO TANAGER TRACT

Forest Health and Shortcuts to Tree Identification

With Donald Craig RPF

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

The Carolinian Zone of southwestern Ontario is home to a great diversity of tree species. With over 80 trees' worth of features to distinguish, it's a challenge to identify them all, but some shortcuts and tricks might just get you on a first-name basis with these forest denizens. Join Donald Craig, a professional forester with over 40 years of experience, for a walk in the woods to learn some shortcuts to tree identification. You'll also learn how diseases, insects, invasive plants and other factors affect our native trees and forests. Tanager Tract is normally closed to the public, and the trails are minimally maintained – please choose appropriate footwear.



John St. Pierre

Saturday,
October 17,
2026
1 pm–4 pm

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Backyard Birding

With Wild Birds Unlimited at Westminster Ponds Centre

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Sunday,
November 15,
2026
10 am-12 pm

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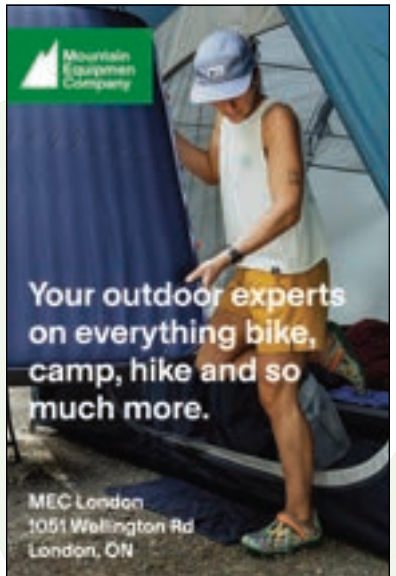
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SEED PROCESSING WORKSHOP

Tuesday, November 24, 2026
6:30 pm–8:30 pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join TTLT and the Friends of the London Civic Garden Complex at this indoor event to learn all about seeds of a variety of native plants and their processing methods! Following an informative presentation, you will get the chance to process some native plant seeds that have been collected throughout the year. The processed seeds will be used in restoration projects, planted at our community wildflower gardens, and placed in seed packets for distribution at community events. Feel free to take seeds home to use in your own garden or restoration project. Everyone is welcome to join!



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1. Individuals can submit up to three (3) photos each.
2. Subjects of the photos should align with species, habitats, and events that occur within Southwestern Ontario.
3. Submissions will only be accepted between **December 1, 2026 (12:01 am EST) and December 31, 2026 (11:59 pm EST).**

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Light for the Longest Night – a Winter Solstice Campfire

With TTLT at the Westminster
Ponds Centre

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join us for a Winter Solstice campfire as we mark the longest night of the year and the quiet turning of the seasons. We'll gather outdoors around a shared fire to reflect, connect and spend time in nature together.



Sunday,
December 20,
2026
7 pm–9 pm

Storytelling and music are encouraged – bring an instrument, a short story, your singing voice, or simply listen. This is a low-key event focused on warmth and connection to the winter landscape around us illuminated by the campfire and good company.

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Buds and Bark

With Bernie VanDenBelt at Meadowlily Nature Preserve

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While the leaves of trees command our attention much of the year, their absence in winter allows a tree's buds and bark to take centre stage. Dust off your snowshoes to join tree enthusiast and retired educator Bernie VanDenBelt for a leisurely mid-winter exploration of TTLT's Meadowlily Nature Preserve in southeast London. Our route will include some areas of the site often overlooked by hikers. In addition to using buds and bark for tree identification, we will also watch for other wintry wonders of nature. The hike will proceed even if there is insufficient snow for snowshoeing



Bec Smythe

**Saturday,
January 30,
2027
1 pm–3 pm**

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TTLT has three main pathways within our volunteer program: stewardship, outreach, and office. Stewardship opportunities generally include hands-on activities such as invasive species removal, seed collecting, and seed processing. Outreach opportunities involve engaging with community members through events, educational programs, and community outreach booths. Office opportunities include a range of administrative tasks that support the organizational capacity of the land trust.

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**Tuesday,
March 9, 2027
7 pm–8 pm**

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Purchased for less than its full appraised value through a partial donation arrangement, Bradshaw Conservation Lands was acquired in 2025 in partnership with the St. Clair Region Conservation Foundation (SCRCF). The 41-ha (103-ac) site is part of the protected wildlife corridor along Black Creek, where SCRCF has created a complex of connected natural areas that support biodiversity. Bradshaw Conservation Lands features wetland, hawthorn thicket, and mature forest, including 13-ha (32-ac) of interior forest that supports area-sensitive birds. The site boasts a variety of provincially rare species, including Shellbark Hickory. This nature reserve is not open to the public, except for special events.



Mark Buchanan

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We express special gratitude to the event leaders, presenters, and other volunteers who share their time and expertise with our Passport to Nature participants. These are the people who create the fascinating free events that provide insight into nature in all four seasons. TTLT also extends its sincere appreciation to the photographers who have provided the images that illustrate this Passport booklet.

Throughout the year, TTLT's dedicated staff supports the Passport program in many ways, including program administration, participant registration, volunteer management, communications, and site preparation.

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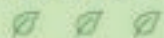


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