Biodiversity and You

We're all in this together!

Biodiversity is life in all its forms and the ecosystems and natural processes that support this life. Equally important are the considerable cultural, spiritual and aesthetic values, since much of our sense of belonging and heritage comes from our relationship with the landscape in which we live. Finally, many consider that biodiversity has *intrinsic* value. It has worth in and of itself, independent of anyone or anything else.

You can support biodiversity by remembering these tips!

✓ *Create a wildlife friendly backyard by planting native plants and trees. It's easy and your yard may already be a habitat! Call us and we can help you join the list of Canadians who are registering their backyards as habitat through the Canadian Wildlife Federation!*

✓ *Replace grass lawns with native wildflowers and shrubs to increase your property's natural beauty while attracting local wildlife. Canadian Wildlife Federation Backyard Habit Program*

✓ *Reduce the use of pesticides on your lawn and in your garden.*

✓ *Get involved with ecological restoration in your community.*

✓ *Buy local organic food to reduce your carbon footprint and the use of pesticides.*

✓ *Buy sustainably harvested seafood. Visit Sierra Club.*

✓ *Reduce your home energy consumption and incorporate renewable energy/energy efficiency into your home to reduce your impact on global climate change which threatens biodiversity.*

✓ *Switch to "tree-free billing" instead of wasting paper, pay online.*

✓ *Buy local honey and help protect bees. Around the country small local bee keepers are reporting huge losses of bee populations.*

✓ *Support protection of critical habitats, such as salt marshes and rivers to help protect species at risk and endangered species and their habitats such as the Maritime Ringlet Butterfly, which lives in the salt marshes around the Chaleur Bay area and nowhere else on earth!*

Thank you for helping! Bathurst Sustainable Development
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