Real ways to help endangered species

More than 500 of Canada's wild plant and animal species are listed as species at risk. Many others have disappeared. Saving endangered species is a daunting task but there are easy ways to help:

- Get involved in efforts to conserve threatened habitat like wetlands and grasslands.
- Learn about vulnerable species in your area.
- Add native plants in your garden that welcome butterflies, bees, birds and even bats — and complement them with bird and bat houses.
- Take a photo (from a distance) and nothing more. Resist the urge to harvest, transplant, relocate or handle at-risk species.

- Learn to identify and report invasive species that can damage your local ecosystems.
- Support research and engage in citizen science activities to share your observations.
- Reduce your carbon footprint (and encourage others to do the same) to help reduce the impact of climate change on wild species.

