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ONTARIO NATURE protects and restores nature in Ontario and connects individuals and communities to nature through research, education, public awareness and conservation actions. Ontario Nature is a charitable organization representing over 140 member organizations and 35,000 members and supporters from across Ontario.

message from the president and executive director

Members of Ontario Nature are well aware that our organization's strength comes not just from our long history and balanced, science-based approach but also from our affiliated clubs and conservation groups – our eyes and ears on nature.

So when we say we will watchdog Ontario's new *Endangered Species Act* to ensure species at risk and their habitats actually get protection we are counting, not just on Ontario Nature's staff work and influence at Queen's Park, but on all of you to tell us what is actually going on.

Our partners have been, and will continue to be, our strength as we build on recent accomplishments like the *Endangered Species Act*. This has the potential to be the best in Canada if we make sure the government actually enforces its provisions. Partnerships will also be key as we work with First Nations on the campaign to save the Boreal Forest, nesting ground of billions of songbirds, and home for iconic species like the woodland caribou. Or as we expand our efforts to identify, restore and protect a Greenway of core natural areas and connecting habitat corridors from Windsor to Ottawa.

As we face the huge threat posed by climate change, we need your support as never before. The scientists, amateur field naturalists and environmental activists among you are fighting battles across the province against unsustainable growth, industrial development and urban sprawl that threaten the last refuges of wild species and are upsetting our planet's natural balance. In turn, you need Ontario Nature to be the knowledgeable, persistent and intelligent advocate in defence of wetlands, woodlands and wildlife.

That's why we are working to build a stronger and more effective Ontario Nature. Ontario Nature's talented staff of professionals work persistently



Rosemary Speirs
President
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for better laws and policies from the provincial government. They are leaders in the biggest landscape-level battles, working with you to defend the borders of the Greenbelt and to secure new protected areas in Ontario's Boreal. They are launching projects to initiate Greenway planning in Grey Bruce and the Frontenac Axis. They are in the thick of the fight to legally protect Lake Simcoe and surrounding watersheds.

As well, they do the hands-on work of restoration and protection on our 21 Nature Reserves, lead our Volunteers for Nature on more work projects every year, publish our award-winning *ON Nature* magazine, and are strengthening our connections with our 142 member groups.

None of these activities pay for themselves. But drawing the conservation community together is a vital job if Ontario naturalists are to speak more strongly and effectively during these challenging times. So expect to hear more from us as we work to connect Ontarians to nature, particularly young people and newcomers to our province, before we lose what sustains us all.




Rosemary Speirs, President



Caroline Schultz, Executive Director

putting experience to work

Gray wolf



Protecting sensitive species habitat in our own system of nature reserves. Advocating for protection of the province's vast Boreal forest and the threatened species, such as woodland caribou, that depend on it. Thinking about how we are going to help species like polar bears adapt and survive in the face of global warming. It is all in a day's work at Ontario Nature.

For more than 75 years now, Ontario Nature has been on the forefront of nature conservation in Ontario. Times and our approaches have changed, but our goal has not – we work to protect wild species and spaces, connect people to nature, advocate for laws and policies that safeguard our natural heritage and educate Ontarians on the tremendous value of that heritage.

In 2007, this meant helping to lead a campaign for a renewed and strengthened provincial *Endangered Species Act*. Ontario's previous Act, which dated from the 1970s, left decisions on what species to list to politicians and provided few effective incentives for species stewardship. The new Act, passed in May 2007, took Ontario from having one of the weakest endangered species laws in Canada to having one of the best. The new legislation is a remarkable achievement that was made possible by the support of our members, who rallied around our call for gold-standard protection for species at risk, and our Nature Network, which created a groundswell of support across the province for the new Act.

Of course, as Premier McGuinty has himself noted, "Protection of species is virtually meaningless unless there are also protections for the areas where they live, feed and breed." That is why we continued to push forward our vision of a system of "Greenways" and for expansion of the Greenbelt in southern Ontario, along with broad protection for the globally important intact Boreal forest in the North.

Curbing urban sprawl and protecting natural areas took another step forward when all the major political parties expressed support for the Greenbelt around Toronto in the lead-up to the October 2007 provincial election, with Premier McGuinty indicating he would work with willing municipalities to expand it. The Premier also committed to a new Act to protect Lake

Simcoe, which is under heavy pressure from urban sprawl, intensive recreation and other development.

Meanwhile, our Greenways approach to protecting and connecting natural habitat areas across the wider southern Ontario landscape has been getting its first test in Grey-Bruce, where we have been working with local citizens, groups and municipalities to look at developing a system of cores and corridors that can keep wild species and communities healthy in this remarkable region.

In the north, we worked extensively with First Nations in 2007 to build a common understanding around conservation objectives for one of the greatest wild forests left on Earth – Ontario's Boreal forest. The result was the signing of the Northern Environmental Framework, which outlines a conservation-first approach to land-use planning for this critically important region.

We also brought the story of the Boreal forest to people who live in the South through our *Save the Boreal Forest: Ontario's Songbird Nursery* multi-media presentation, which was seen by close to 2,000 people in more than two dozen communities.

All in a day's work – work that is critically important to ensuring that, in the days to come, Ontario continues to be a place where it's possible to see woodland caribou, loggerhead shrikes, or even polar bears. Work that will ensure that on a still summer night, loon cries echo across northern lakes or that the flash of a warbler's wings brightens our spring woods. Work that can't happen without the generosity of our members and supporters, who understand the value of protecting places that supply us with clean water and clean air, but who equally value the benefit of simply knowing we are doing our part to protect nature for future generations.



THE BIG WILD

Ontario's northern forests lie at the heart of one of the world's greatest forest ecosystems – the Boreal. North of the current limit for logging, these forests are an amazing example of what a fully functioning ecosystem looks like. Top predators like gray wolves and wolverines track prey like caribou in dense forests and wetlands; sturgeon, trout, whitefish and other native aquatic species thrive in clean undammed lakes and rivers; and First Nation peoples retain a living connection with a living landscape.

But from downtown Toronto, Ottawa or Windsor, it can be easy to forget that this vast natural system is a vital – and vast – part of Ontario. That's why Ontario Nature took the story of the Boreal forest on the road in 2007, visiting dozens of communities with our multi-media presentation, *Save the Boreal Forest: Ontario's Songbird Nursery*. It told a powerful story of the hundreds of songbird species that rely on the Boreal forest for food and shelter while raising their young – it is estimated that Ontario's Boreal forests are the breeding ground for 250 million birds. The result was hundreds of postcards sent to the Premier urging greater protection for our intact Boreal region.

We also worked with the people who know this forest intimately – the First Nation peoples who call it home. We collaborated, for example, with the Webequie First Nation to collect indigenous knowledge about woodland caribou and wolverine. We held a successful land-use planning workshop with four northern First Nations and shared our expertise around GIS mapping.

We also:

- produced factsheets on issues such as protected areas, land-use planning, hydro development and roads for First Nations
- produced a beautiful poster featuring an original painting by an Aboriginal artist highlighting northern species at risk to help educate local people
- mapped high-value conservation areas in a large region of northwestern Ontario and shared the results with First Nations and government officials involved in land-use planning for the region

The result is greater-than-ever awareness of the need to plan for conservation first in our Boreal region – while we still can.



ON THE LAND

Ontario Nature's own system of nature reserves covers 21 properties totaling 2,045 hectares (5,054 acres). These areas protect the habitat of numerous rare and threatened species and therefore strong and informed stewardship is key. In 2007, we carried out surveys of rare and at-risk species on a number of reserves, including Stone Road Alvar and Petrel Point, both of which protect globally rare habitats.

With the help of local naturalists clubs and students from Sir Sanford Fleming College, we also initiated an ecological monitoring program at several reserves. This work includes amphibian surveys (a good indicator of ecosystem health), monitoring the effectiveness of restoration efforts and long-term monitoring of forest vegetation health. This work will ensure that these ecological jewels continue to shine.



Gray tree frog

On a weekend in early July, our Volunteers for Nature joined the Ingersoll District Nature Club to construct a boardwalk over a sensitive wetland area at Ontario Nature's Lawson Nature Reserve. After completing the first section of boardwalk on Saturday, the group sat down for lunch, and was joined by a friendly gray tree frog who spent several minutes posing for photographs before traversing the boardwalk and hopping off into the woods. Guess it liked the view – or maybe the company!

Lisa Richardson, Volunteer for Nature Coordinator



Mallard ducks; Greenbelt and Your Health booklet launch



BRINGING IT TOGETHER

In southern Ontario, remaining natural areas like forests or wetlands tend to be small, scattered and isolated. Urban sprawl, meanwhile, continues to transform what remains of our natural landscape into subdivisions and to divide important habitats with highway corridors and other barriers.

Ontario Nature has a different vision for our southern landscape and it is gaining ground. We want to rebuild connections between existing and restored natural areas by designating green corridors or “Greenways” that would restore and protect valuable natural linkages. We think this approach fits well with the government’s commitment to “smart growth” and will also help us protect water supplies, waterways, species habitats and food sources.

We’ve built support for a green approach to municipal planning by highlighting the benefits of Ontario’s first such green planning zone – the Greenbelt, which wraps around the Golden Horseshoe and runs north to the tip of the Bruce Peninsula. In the summer of 2007, we led a tour

of the Greenbelt for local municipal leaders and found enthusiastic support for smarter urban planning and retaining green connections.

In late 2007 we released, in a unique partnership with the Ontario College of Family Physicians, the first in our series of *Greenbelt and Your Health* booklets, which explained the invaluable natural services, such as air and water filtration, flood prevention and soil protection, provided by natural areas. Still to come in the series are booklets on the benefits of natural areas for keeping people active, in supporting healthy food choices and in addressing mental health. (Find out more on our new website www.greenbeltforhealth.ca.)

We are also working with a broad array of individuals, interest groups and municipal planners in Grey-Bruce and in the Frontenac area around Kingston to develop and implement our Greenways and Waterways vision in each area. It is an exciting collaborative initiative that could have a big payoff for wild species in both of these naturally rich areas and eventually throughout the province.



Ontario Nature works to connect people with nature, whether it is through outings organized by clubs in our Nature Network or through education programs aimed at introducing younger generations to the wonders of the natural world.

A POWERFUL NETWORK

Our Ontario Nature Network has become a powerful tool for conservation across Ontario. By linking up more than 140 community conservation groups, the network provides support, ideas and opportunities for action for people involved in conservation initiatives across the province. The network grew again in 2007 with the addition of the Carolinian Canada Coalition and continued to play an important role in Ontario Nature's conservation efforts, such as the campaign for new endangered species legislation. We've been working with Network members to develop an exciting province-wide online Nature Almanac that allows people across Ontario to find out about nature happenings. We are also working through the network to enhance opportunities to connect young people with nature.



HANDS ON FOR NATURE

Meanwhile, our Volunteer for Nature (VFN) program provided yet another way for Ontarians to get hands-on experience in protecting nature. Close to 200 volunteers took part in our 2007 program, which included removing derelict livestock fencing from Cawthra Mulock Nature Reserve, thereby allowing wildlife to freely cross the reserve. And in Queenston Heights Forest near Niagara Falls, a long stretch of Carolinian forest edge was cleared of invasive European buckthorn to allow for the re-establishment of the native species that once flourished there. We're now working on expanding the VFN program to include more events geared to youth and families and to make each outing a real learning experience for our enthusiastic participants.



As part of the Save Ontario's Species coalition, we helped to build a solid foundation for the new Act by researching best practices in endangered species protection from around the world. We then worked with the government to integrate these ideas into the new legislation and made sure that the public got behind the new Act by distributing thousands of brochures and other materials across Ontario.

The result was the passage in May 2007 of what we believe to be the best endangered species legislation in Canada. But our work has only begun – we now have to ensure that strong recovery plans are quickly developed for species

like woodland caribou – a species that needs large areas of intact forest habitat – and reidside dace, a fish species at continuing risk from the impacts of urban sprawl on southern Ontario streams.

The year also saw the start of something big for Lake Simcoe, with the start of the Save Lake Simcoe campaign and the Premier's promise to increase protection for the popular lake. With development pressure on the Lake Simcoe watershed increasing by the day, we will be working to secure a strong set of tools to protect natural areas, safeguard waterways and encourage smart growth.



Orange-crowned warbler

Ontario Nature has a long history of sharing the wonders of the natural world. Currently, we are working on plans to pump up the volume on our nature education efforts by building on our long history of engaging students and families in learning about nature. We have already laid the groundwork for new programs that will help students understand the connection between our forests, wetlands, watersheds and other natural habitats and the water that comes out of their taps.

Ontario Nature also helps to spread the word about nature through our award-winning magazine, *ON Nature*, through special events like our Boreal birds tour and through special projects, like the Atlas of the Breeding Birds of Ontario, released in late 2007. The 700-page atlas paints a truly comprehensive picture of bird life in Ontario and is based on more than 150,000 hours of field work by thousands of volunteers. A truly impressive achievement.



Coyote

We spent several days in the fall removing fencing at the Mulock Nature Reserve. The goal was to remove barriers to wildlife and to make the reserve more passable for wildlife on the move. Later that year, I was walking across the reserve in the winter and saw a coyote. It saw me and ran away, straight across an area where we had removed the fence the previous fall. Our hard work was paying off.

Mark Carabetta, Conservation Science Manager

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One of the highlights of working for Ontario Nature is meeting people who share our passion for nature. Last June, we hosted a tour of the Greenbelt in Durham Region. During the tour, I learned about the incredible work of a group of dedicated volunteers who are working with the Township of Uxbridge and others to protect an interconnected system of natural areas with walking and biking trails from the federal lands in Pickering, up through Uxbridge Township, and beyond. Inspiring and a great example of what can be done when we work together.

Caroline Schultz, Executive Director

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Black bear

While visiting the James Bay lowlands, I had the startling experience of having a black bear stick its head into my tent as I slept. After hours of sloshing through muskeg, the most energetic reaction I could muster was a sleepy “Maurice, can you get that bear out of here?” Luckily, Maurice, my guide from the Peawanuk First Nation, was a little more ready and able to deal with the situation.

Julee Boan, First Nations Outreach Coordinator

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Year ended February 29, 2008

Revenue	2008	2007
Donations and bequests	\$998,296	\$1,066,302
Publication - "ON Nature"	273,208	261,714
Investment income	329,871	192,653
Grants	1,096,004	578,658
Other income	55,174	47,770
	2,752,553	2,147,097

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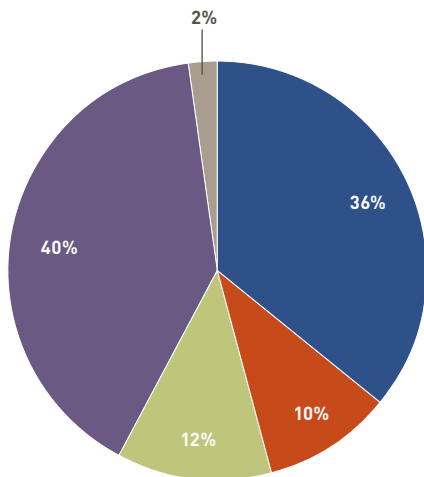
Conservation and education programs	1,268,586	679,754
Members services	444,718	371,605
Publication - "ON Nature"	299,555	313,035
Development	245,001	211,165
Public relations and communications	116,405	67,672
Administration costs	208,317	339,815
Rental properties and other	92,542	104,831
	2,675,124	2,087,877
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$77,429	\$59,220

FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT FEBRUARY 29, 2008

	2008	2007
Total assets	\$6,851,195	\$6,804,687
Total liabilities	716,927	951,409
Total net assets	6,134,268	5,853,278

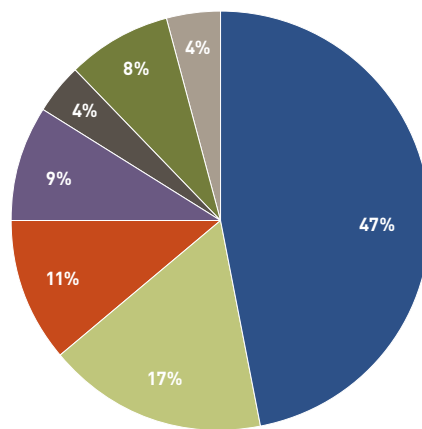
Revenue

Donations and bequests	36%
Publication - ON Nature	10%
Investment income	12%
Grants	40%
Other income	2%



Expenses

Conservation and education programs	47%
Members services	17%
Publication - ON Nature	11%
Development	9%
Public relations and communications	4%
Administration costs	8%
Rental properties and other	4%





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