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BREATHE LIFE INTO CANADA'S FORESTS.
YOU CAN MAKE IT POSSIBLE.

NATURE CONSERVANCY CANADA



The MOMENT
you truly comprehend the vastness of Canada's forests, something shifts WITHIN YOU.
You see more than trees – you see the intricate web connecting all life on Earth.

We are conserving forests across Canada so they can continue to care for us.

PROTECT FORESTS. PROTECT LIFE.



Yellow lady's slipper

Canada's forests have deep roots throughout our lives. They are protectors, providers and the foundation of a thriving planet. Our survival is intrinsically tied to their well-being.

Health and well-being
Forests provide clean air to breathe, filtered water to drink and natural spaces that reduce stress and strengthen social bonds. In our increasingly digital world, these spaces are essential for reconnection and renewal.

Communities and economies
Well-managed forests reduce risks of catastrophic wildfires, soil erosion and flooding. They create jobs in ecotourism and sustainable forestry while providing natural resources, medicines and food.

Biodiversity protection
Canada's forests shelter more than 400 species at risk. The boreal forest alone provides breeding grounds for three billion birds, and homes for more than 85 mammal species.

Climate regulation
Canada houses the world's largest terrestrial carbon vault, storing twice as much carbon per square kilometre as tropical rainforests. Every year Canadian forests capture carbon equivalent to the emissions of 28 million cars.

Indigenous cultural continuity
For many Indigenous communities, forests preserve landscapes where deeply rooted Traditional Knowledge Systems, languages, ceremonies and cultural practices continue to thrive, sustaining reciprocal relationships with the land that have existed for millennia.

> ***Did you know?*** *Forests are home to more than 75 per cent of the world's land-based biodiversity.*



"The essence of being a Canadian is to be part of this vast landscape, and integral to this are the immense forests which cover this land. We have always felt that it 'feeds the soul' to be immersed in this wilderness. Yet without protection and oversight, this birthright can slowly disappear. Thus, an organization such as the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) is vital.

"NCC is an organization dedicated to pursuing these goals with its committed and passionate staff, and its ability to put conservation into effect. Our involvement with NCC started modestly, but once we were able, we made sure that NCC was front and centre of our allocated giving dollars."

-Joe Coneybeare and Lynn Clark
NCC donors

A WORLD WITHOUT FORESTS?

Despite their immense value, Canada's forests face unprecedented pressures. Rapid development, invasive species and unprecedented wildfires are accelerating forest loss at an alarming rate — **the equivalent of one NHL-sized rink every minute.**

A crisis of global significance
At this rate, we could lose 20 million hectares of forest by 2030. This would be an irreversible loss, with global consequences. **Canada is home to nearly 10 per cent of the world's forests.** What happens here at home impacts the entire planet.

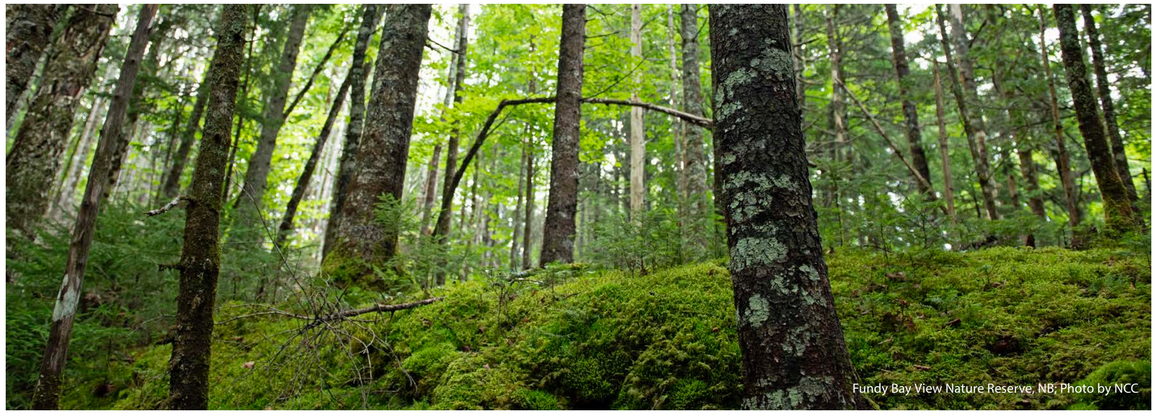
Canada's role
We have a unique opportunity to play an outsized role in global conservation and make a critical contribution to global climate stability and biodiversity.



Cedar waxwing; photo by NCC

Join us in conserving an additional one million hectares of nature by 2030.

YOUR SUPPORT CREATES A LEGACY OF RESILIENT FORESTS.



Fundy Bay View Nature Reserve, NB; Photo by NCC

YOUR INVESTMENT AT WORK

Conserve critical forest
As a leader in conservation, NCC has protected more than 1.6 million hectares of forest habitat. Your support builds on this proven track record creating a lasting legacy of resilient forests for future generations.

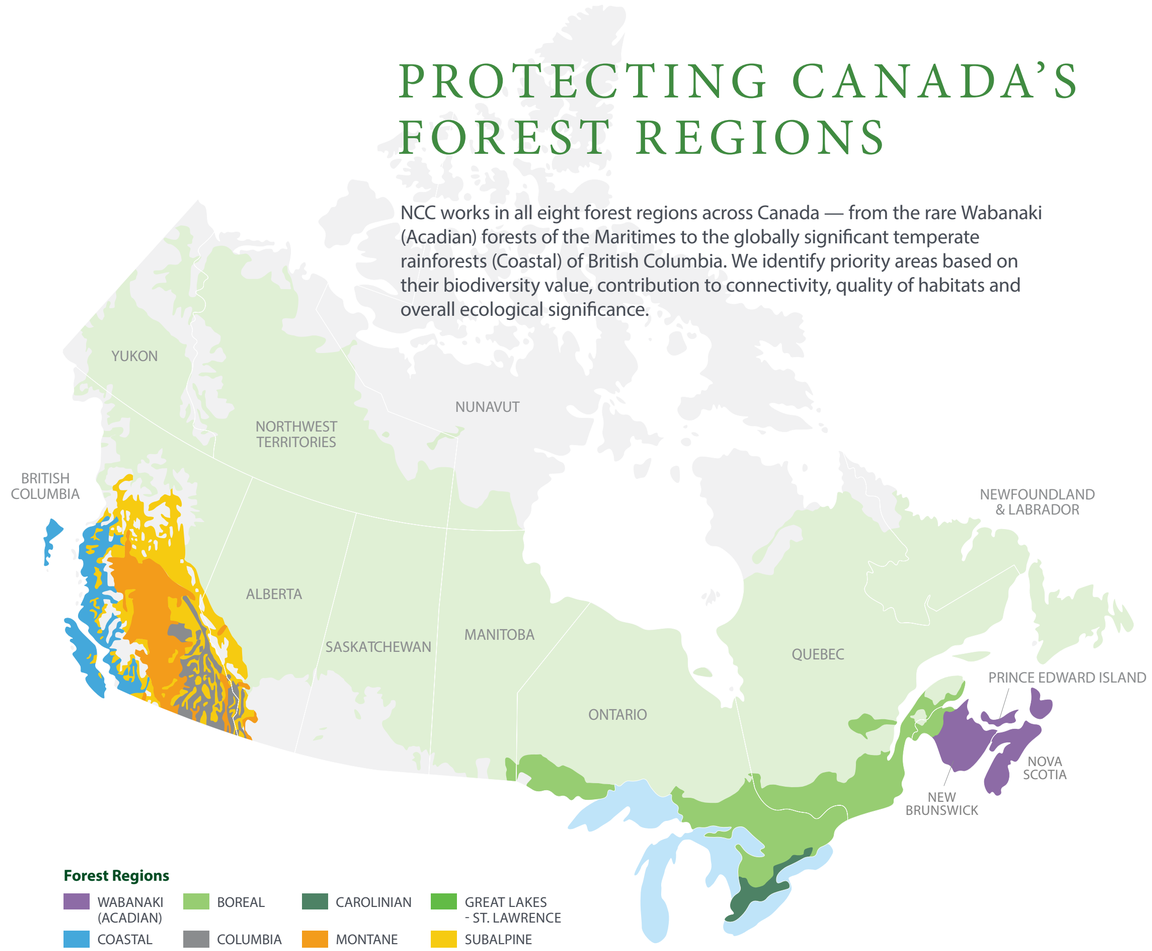
Care for the land
NCC excels at long-term forest stewardship. Your contribution will empower our experts and partners to continue this critical work by removing invasive species, conducting strategic prescribed burns and restoring damaged areas, so vital ecosystems can thrive in perpetuity.

Accelerate impact for nature
Our evidence-based approach drives conservation excellence across Canada. Your gift enables us to harness the best technology, leverage innovative tools, and unleash new creative solutions to halt or reverse biodiversity loss.

On the ground results
Behind every one of our conservation success stories stands our exceptional team of experts. Your support will fuel our work and strengthen vital partnerships with a growing network of communities, landowners, governments, and Indigenous Nations.

PROTECTING CANADA'S FOREST REGIONS

NCC works in all eight forest regions across Canada — from the rare Wabanaki (Acadian) forests of the Maritimes to the globally significant temperate rainforests (Coastal) of British Columbia. We identify priority areas based on their biodiversity value, contribution to connectivity, quality of habitats and overall ecological significance.



WABANAKI (ACADIAN) FOREST *(NS, NB, PEI)*
Richly diverse, with more than 30 tree species. Less than one per cent of original old-growth forest remains today, making it one of the rarest forest types in North America.

BOREAL FOREST *(All provinces and territories except NS, NB, PEI)*
Covering an incredible 60 per cent of Canada's landmass, the boreal forest is globally significant, holding the largest portion of Earth's land-based carbon.

CAROLINIAN FOREST *(ON)*
The smallest forest region at just one per cent of Canada's landmass. Yet it supports the largest number of native tree species, and 25 per cent of Canada's species at risk.

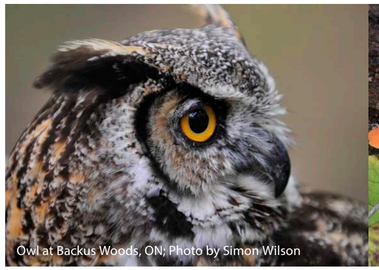
GREAT LAKES - ST. LAWRENCE FOREST *(MB, ON, QC)*
Canada's second-largest forest region stretches from Manitoba to the Gaspé Peninsula. It serves as a transition zone between the Carolinian forest in the south and the boreal forest in the north.

COASTAL FOREST *(BC)*
A globally rare ecosystem, occurring on less than 0.2 per cent of the Earth's surface. Famous for its hulking cedars and Douglas-firs, it is a place of exceptional biological richness.

COLUMBIA FOREST *(BC, AB)*
Provides critical habitat for more than 35 vulnerable species, including grizzly bear and wolverine. This forest region occurs in the lower elevations of British Columbia's southeastern, central plateau and Rocky Mountain areas.

MONTANE FOREST *(BC, AB)*
Characterized by Douglas-fir, lodgepole pine, ponderosa pine and trembling aspen. This warm, dry forest region covers much of central British Columbia and western Alberta.

SUBALPINE FOREST *(BC, AB)*
Shaped by long winters and avalanches, this forest features Engelmann spruce and subalpine fir. This forest region spans from coastal British Columbia to the uplands of Alberta.


Owl at Backus Woods, ON; Photo by Simon Wilson


Happy Valley Forest, ON; photo by Margaret Kelch


Lorquins admiral butterfly; photo by NCC

CANADA'S CONSERVATION LEADER

NCC has national reach and proven conservation success. By building partnerships with landowners, governments, Indigenous Nations and communities, businesses and supporters like you, we deliver high-quality conservation outcomes that create lasting environmental, social, cultural and economic benefits.

Our evidence-based approach and expertise make us uniquely effective at protecting forests across Canada. Through strategic collaboration, we're creating resilient landscapes where both people and nature can thrive, addressing the twin crises of biodiversity loss and climate change at the scale needed to make a difference.

The time to act is now
Don't let Canada's magnificent forests disappear. Your action today will preserve them forever.

Join us in protecting Canada's forests.



Wild blueberries



60+ years
of bringing people together to support conservation

15 million+
hectares of critically important landscapes protected since 1962

350+
species at risk benefit from protected and restored habitats

30+
collaborative conservation projects with Indigenous partners since 2019

84%
of Canadians live within 100 kilometres of NCC's conservation projects



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