

BUCK LAKE NEWS

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ASSOCIATION NEWS & EVENTS

Announcing the new Buck Lake Guide! The Guide contains information for renters, visitors and property owners. Coming out this summer the Guide will be available free of charge to anyone with a Buck Lake address. Watch for more information on how to get your copy.

2024 Membership. We are now receiving annual membership dues for 2024. The dues are still only \$25 per year and help to support all the activities and initiatives undertaken by the Buck Lake Association. If you and your family haven't previously joined, please check out www.BuckLake.ca/Membership and consider becoming part of the Buck Lake Association (BLA). E-transfers can be sent to BuckLakeAssoc@gmail.com

Annual General Meeting. We welcome all members of the Buck Lake Association to our Annual General Meeting on Saturday, August 10. The meeting will start promptly at 10:00 am at the Perth Road Sunday School Hall at 5622 Perth Rd. Crescent, in Perth Road Village. The BLA constitution requires a quorum of 20% of members to be in attendance at the AGM. As we do not always achieve this goal, we kindly request that if you are unable to attend in person, that you please email a completed [proxy form](#) (scan or picture) to BuckLakeAssoc@gmail.com by Friday, August 9, 2024.



The aurora borealis makes a rare appearance over the North Branch on May 10, 2024.

Photo by Scott Lillis



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THE IMPLICATIONS OF BED FISHING FOR SPAWNING BASS

BY DR. JASON HALFEN FROM GAME & FISH

Targeting largemouth and smallmouth bass while they are on their spawning nests is an exceptionally popular, if somewhat controversial, early season pursuit. Bass are fervent nest guardians, protecting their eggs, larvae and fry from a myriad of predators, including crayfish, panfish, gobies and even other bass.

As a result, anglers who locate spawning beds can frequently trigger reaction strikes from bedding bass, making the nest susceptible to predation during the angling process. Bass anglers from coast to coast know that we can easily catch bass while they are on the beds, but the question is, should we?

The importance of bass fishing as a recreational pursuit, as well as a driver of considerable economic activity, has focused the attention of fisheries scientists across North America on the question of targeting bass on their beds.

In recent years, a number of published studies have documented the impact of fishing for bedding bass, at the local level of individual nesting sites, as well as on populations as a whole. Consider what the science says about the practice of fishing for bedding bass.

A study by researchers at the University of Illinois, conducted with largemouth bass in southern Ontario, addressed the question of how angling pressure impacts nest fidelity, or the repeated use of a nesting site by bass from one season to the next ("Potential consequences of angling on nest-site fidelity in largemouth bass" by W.M. Twardek, A.D. Schultz, J.E. Claussen and others; *Environmental Biology of Fishes*, volume 100, issue 5). Scientists found that high catch-and-release angling pressure on male bedding bass caused those fish to exhibit significantly reduced nest fidelity in future spawning cycles compared to fish that were caught and released only once.

While fish captured only once returned to their original nesting site 87 percent of the time during the next spawning season, fish caught multiple times returned only 27 percent of the time. Moreover, while nearly 97 percent of fish captured only once remained on the nest and completed parental care activities during the next

next spawning season, bedding bass subjected to high angling pressure completed those activities less than 6 percent of the time. These scientists concluded that, "angling nesting bass may cause them to avoid previously used nest sites and instead search for alternative sites during future reproductive seasons. This human-induced impact on nest site choice may impact the future reproductive success of those largemouth bass."

Throughout their range, smallmouth bass are also popular targets when they are shallow and on the beds. Researchers from Ohio State University examined the role of catch-and-release angling in Lake Erie smallmouth spawning success, with a particular emphasis on the impacts of invasive round gobies ("Round goby predation on smallmouth bass offspring in nests during simulated catch-and-release angling" by G.B. Steinhart, A.M. Marschall and R.A. Stein; *Transactions of the American Fisheries Society*, volume 133, issue 1). Using extensive underwater video observations, these scientists found that smallmouth bass are very effective at guarding their nests from predation by round gobies. However, as soon as a male bass is removed from the nest, round gobies quickly move in to consume both unhatched eggs as well as hatched smallmouth bass larvae.

We want your photos!



We have experienced some unique events here at Buck Lake - a total solar eclipse and an impressive showing of the Aurora Borealis already in 2024. We would love to share photos of these events and others in the 2025 Buck Lake Calendar and in our other community communications.

Please send your photos to BuckLakeAssoc@gmail.com and include your name and any other information you have (location of photo, camera data, etc.)

As we approach the Summer season here on Buck Lake please keep us in mind when photographing flora, fauna, landscapes, and human activities on the lake!



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Largemouths spawning in shallow water are easy targets for anglers, but should these fish be left alone for the good of the local population?

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Remarkably, this study determined that gobies can consume an average of 2,000 eggs from a nest before the guarding male returns and can completely consume all smallmouth bass offspring from an unguarded nest in as little as 15 minutes. "If the number of surviving smallmouth bass embryos drives adult population size," wrote the researchers, "managers should consider angling regulations that reduce interference with nesting males, thus limiting the deleterious effects of the round goby."

A summary report by researchers at the University of Florida examined the pursuit of bedding bass from a larger, population-level perspective ("Bed fishing for Florida bass" by J.S. Hargrove and J.D. Austin; University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Extension EDIS, volume 2018, number 3). These scientists noted that the impact of angling on the success of individual bass nests has been recognized for almost 60 years, with predation being the primary cause for nest failure when a guarding bass is angled away. At the same time, these researchers argued that population-level impacts of fishing for bedding bass may be minimal, based on three key observations.

First, high percentages, often approaching 80 percent, of angled bass are immediately released. Second, a significant fraction of bedding bass on any given lake receives no angling pressure due to challenging habitat or water clarity. Finally, individual fish may spawn again during the same cycle to replace a failed nest. These researchers concluded that, "it appears possible that the impacts of catch-and-release angling for bedding bass may negatively impact individual nest success. However, under many circumstances these changes will not elicit negative effects at the population level."

For most of us, the decision to target bedding bass is highly individualized; in other words, each of us needs to make the right decision for ourselves. Knowing what the science has to say, there are several easy ways to minimize your impact on bass spawning success should you decide to target bedding fish this spring.

First, use artificial lures only. A deeply hooked bass that gobbled a juicy nightcrawler or lively minnow has a much lower chance of survival than a fish lip-hooked by an artificial jig or soft-plastic offering.

When you catch a bass, immediately release it at the capture location. Hauling a fish around in a livewell prior to releasing it at a distant location virtually ensures low survivability of eggs, fry or fingerlings that may be produced in that nest.

Finally, after you catch a couple, move on. If you locate an area with a high density of nest sites, consider leaving after catching a couple of the bass bedding there. It will leave a significant percentage of nests undisturbed, helping to minimize your impact on that local population. Forcing yourself to search out new locations will also expand your knowledge of productive spring fishing spots and help make you a more complete angler.

Retrieved from:

<https://www.gameandfishmag.com/editorial/bed-fishing-for-spawning-bass/458736>

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HOOKED ON FISH HABITAT

BY ROBERT PYE, WATERSHEDS CANADA

Math the hatch. The poetic words of fly fishing wisdom are softly heard under one's breath while trying to catch two riverbank clues: the type of fly that is hatching, and what the trout are eating. A hatch of mayflies, for example suggests that the tiny fish hook disguised as one and presented just as convincingly on the water, will help surface success.

Although I don't profess to be an accomplished fly fisherman, I am an avid bass, pike, and walleye angler, equipped with dozens of rods, reels, and boxes of artificial baits for each of those species. Before I start scanning the top try in my tackle arsenal, I study the freshwater around me. I've learned this from my fishing heroes who have always balanced fishing skills and persistence with their first-hand education in biology and an endless fascination for all aquatic ecosystems. Their first cast success rates are never measured by lucky lures, but rather a focus on fish habitat.

Watersheds Canada is not a fishing organization per se, but we are an environmental action charity that casts hands-on habitat restoration efforts both on shorelands and in-water. We do more than plant the future of overdeveloped and highly degraded shores. Our organization has also enhanced historic lake trout and walleye spawning areas and saved native brook trout populations.

Watersheds Canada's Fish Habitat program has completed 27 habitat enhancement projects that include walleye and trout spawning bed restorations and cold-water creek habitat enhancements. Hundreds of brush bundles, or woody debris habitat, have also been pushed overboard and anchored to lake bottoms. Underwater brush piles are, in fact, a healthy component of lake environments as they provide fish with access to food sources, as well as natural structure to rest, spawn, and escape from predators.

Fish habitat programs like these funded by Watersheds Canada's great partners, including Environment and Climate Change Canada, Honda Canada Foundation, and Bass Pro Shops/Cabela's Outdoor Fund.

Stewardship spirit

Watersheds Canada encourages the stewardship spirit with a fish habitat toolkit and webinars that shares its fish habitat success stories. We openly share our knowledge and resources with other organizations and individuals that want to make a difference for their local fisheries.

In the fall of 2022, our staff and volunteers were, once again, knee-deep in fish habitat restoration; this time, with a pressure washer, brooms, brushes, and a silt curtain to remove

a stubborn build-up of silt that obstructed a walleye spawning bed. Spawning counts from the previous spring reported a total of zero walleye, but 40 were counted there during spawning season that followed Watersheds Canada's work.

That's the kind of fisheries comeback we aim to see following another walleye bed clean-up conducted on an eastern Ontario lake last fall. The pressure washing was the preparatory work for fish habitat restoration on ice.

In the winter, loads of washed stone are trekked across frozen lakes where our fish habitat work is done with government approval and permits. However, the heavy lifting for Watersheds Canada's fish habitat projects comes from community action.

Watersheds Canada works with volunteers to haul, shovel, and rake the natural material to create a bigger, better spawning bed for walleye. Lake Association volunteers, Indigenous leaders, and students have arrived at Watersheds Canada's projects with their snowmobiles, four-wheelers, and sleds to help pitch in for conservation. Most importantly, our sponsors provide their weekend time, elbow grease, and enthusiasm. All of this cold, hard work falls into place as the April that brings open water, followed by walleye spawning time.

Back to nature

Spring mornings are my favourite time in nature, especially along the banks of my local trout stream. Over endless time, the creek lives calmly by the peaceful sound of its weaving waters washing through stick jams, picking up speed across sandy flats and pebble stone bottoms, then gurgling into the auspicious pools and hidden holes in the undercuts.

Math the hatch, I remind myself, as I observe the variety of healthy plants, trees, and other nature features that give the riverbank so much life. My trout creek backdrop demonstrates the importance of everyone doing their part to protect the future of freshwater places and activities like fishing. After all, without habitat, there will never be a catch.



Volunteers are the backbone of this and other Watersheds Canada projects.

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OPP SAY NO LIFEJACKETS WORN IN 17 OF 23 MARINE FATALITIES LAST YEAR

BY JESSICA FOLEY, KINGSTONIST

Ahead of [Safe Boating Awareness Week](#), May 18 to 24, 2024, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are reminding boaters and paddlers who plan to enjoy the waterways this season to wear a lifejacket.

According to a release from the OPP, last year there were 23 marine fatality victims- the majority of whom were found not wearing a lifejacket.

"The number of lives that could be saved if every boater and paddler wore a lifejacket during every boat ride is not difficult to measure when looking at OPP data associated with fatal boating/paddling incidents," police said.

"For 21 of the 23 people who lost their lives in boating/paddling incidents in 2023, their vessel either capsized or they fell overboard. Seventeen of those who died were not wearing a lifejacket. Surviving these types of incidents usually comes down to whether or not you choose to wear a lifejacket which, when properly worn, will keep you afloat the entire time you are in the water."

The OPP said that, with approximately half of last year's marine fatalities involving kayaks, canoes and other non-motorized vessels, paddlers are reminded that they are just as vulnerable when it comes to capsizing or falling overboard without a lifejacket. With these two primary causes accounting for the majority of OPP-investigated marine fatalities every year, a large number of boaters/paddlers would have likely survived their ordeal on the water had they worn a lifejacket, according to the release.

Alcohol and/or drug use and collisions with other vessels or fixed objects remain other lead contributing factors in marine deaths on OPP-patrolled waterways.

In the release, the OPP reminds boaters and paddlers that the only enjoyable day on the water is the one that is safe, and the only lifejackets that can save your life is the one that you're wearing.

During Safe Boating Awareness Week, boaters and paddlers are encouraged to raise their awareness about every aspect of safe travelling on waterways.

"Over and above wearing the right lifejacket or personal flotation device and boating sober and drug-free, ensure you and your vessel are prepared and safe for the season, take a boating course, be alert and ensure you are cold water safe," the OPP stated.



Two OPP officers patrol the North Branch of Buck Lake in September 2023.
 Photo by Scott Lillis

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<https://www.kingstonist.com/news/opp-say-no-lifejackets-worn-in-17-of-23-marine-fatalities-last-year/>

Please note: While this story was published ahead of Safe Boating Awareness Week, the Buck Lake Association would like to remind everyone that they should always consider the safety of themselves and others when out on our beautiful lake or others.





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FEDERAL CAPITAL GAINS TAX RATE INCREASE WILL 'NEGATIVELY IMPACT' MIDDLE-CLASS COTTAGE OWNERS

BY BRUCE HEAD, KAWARTHANOW.COM

FOCA, which represents around 250,000 in Ontario who own waterfront properties, says the change announced as part of the 2024 federal budget on April 16 "raises significant concerns for many Canadians who have dedicated their lives to maintaining family properties."

"It is important to recognize that these individuals are not the wealthiest 0.13 per cent of Canadians as described by the government in their announcement, but rather middle-class families who have cherished these properties as part of their heritage and family legacy, in many cases for multiple generations and over several decades," says FOCA CEO Lesley Lavender in a media release.

The federal tax on capital gains has long been a financial concern for families with seasonal properties, which have seen staggering increases in market value since the mid 20th century when many of them were originally built — and the proposed change will make the situation even worse, according to FOCA.

Unlike a primary residence, when a seasonal residence is disposed of, it is subject to a capital gain — the difference between the original cost of the property and its fair market value upon disposition.

For example, a waterfront property that a person inherited from their parents in the early 1980s may have had a fair market value of \$75,000 at the time. Today, that same property could have a fair market value of \$1,000,000 — resulting in a potential capital gain of \$925,000 when the person disposes of the property, whether by selling it on the market or gifting it to a family member.

Currently, 50 per cent of capital gains for individuals are taxable, which would mean that the person disposing of the million-dollar property would be taxed on \$462,500. The federal government is proposing that, effective June 25, the capital gains inclusion rate would increase to 66.7 per cent for individuals on any portion of a capital gain above \$250,000.

Under this change, the person disposing of the million-dollar property would instead be taxed on \$575,225 — 50 percent on the first \$250,000 and 66.7 per cent on the remaining \$675,000 — an increase of another \$112,725 in taxable income.



Residents like us on Buck Lake will be affected by the increase in tax.

Photo by Scott Lillis

"This tax change will have a devastating effect on families' ability to keep the next generation in the cottage, which could have a profound cultural impact on our heritage and way of life as Canadians," Lavender said. "It's crucial that any tax measures consider the unique circumstances of cottage owners and preserve their ability to maintain these treasured properties within their families."

An owner who disposes of a seasonal property realizes a capital gain based on the fair market value of that property, regardless of whether the property is gifted to a family member or sold to a family member at well below fair market value. If the owner bequeaths the seasonal property to family, the capital gain is realized by the owner's estate.

This can create a catch-22 situation for the seasonal property owner. Depending on their financial situation, they may have to sell the property on the open market to be able to afford to pay the capital gains tax they would otherwise realize by passing the cottage to the next generation of their family. While this risk already exists with the current capital gains tax rate, the proposed increase means it is more likely to happen.

FOCA says this could result in the premature sale of tens of thousands of Ontario cottage properties — opening the door to speculators, the proliferation of absentee landlords, and more short-term rentals in rural waterfront communities.

"FOCA hopes the government will amend the application of this new tax to mitigate its impact on middle-class families, and ensure the traditional stewards of these cottage properties can continue to enjoy the waterfront for generations to come," the media release states.

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<https://kawarthanow.com/2024/04/23/federal-capital-gains-tax-rate-increase-will-negatively-impact-middle-class-cottage-owners/>





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CELEBRATING THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

BY SCOTT LILLIS

Just before the moon reached the sun on April 8, 2024 my wife and I set out for a secluded spot in the middle of the North Branch of Buck Lake. Armed with camera equipment and excitement, we were on a mission - to capture the rare and enchanting event unfolding in the sky above: a solar eclipse.

Despite the cloudy forecast, we remained hopeful and decided that we would stay out here and try to observe this incredible celestial event right here at the lake. As we navigated our kayaks to a spot with uninterrupted views the sky remained cloud covered. Despite the cloud cover, the sun remained visible and we were able to see the moon begin to make its journey in front of it, both with our solar glasses and through our telephoto lens (with an incredibly dark filter on it!) As the appointed hour drew near, the clouds thickened and, despite taking lots of photos and keeping my fingers crossed that I would get something, we were unable to witness the 'ring of fire', Bailey's beads, or the corona.

Despite the disappointing photography experiment, we were able to stand together on the rocks surrounded by water, in silent wonder as the world around us was transformed by the moon's shadow and we were bathed in the eerie twilight of totality. It was a moment of pure magic, as if time itself had paused to allow us to bear witness to this cosmic ballet.



A bird's eye view of our location to photograph the solar eclipse.

Photo by Scott Lillis



The Bailey Beads were very faint from my vantage point on the North Branch.
Photo by Scott Lillis

For a little over three minutes, we were alone in the middle of the lake, surrounded by the stillness of the moment. As totality ended and the sun emerged once more, casting its warm glow over the lake, we couldn't help but feel a sense of gratitude for having been a part of such a remarkable event. Though we were just two people in a vast universe, for those few precious moments, we felt connected to something much greater than ourselves.

As we paddled back to shore, our hearts full and our cameras brimming with images of the eclipse, we knew that this experience would stay with us forever. The solar eclipse on Buck Lake was not just a celestial event—it was a deeply personal encounter with the wonders of the universe, one that we will cherish for a lifetime.

One of the first things I did when returning to shore after beginning the process of transferring my images to my computer was to check the dates for the next solar eclipse that we could get to! So while this may have been a once in a lifetime event here on Buck Lake, I think we'll be visiting our friends in Egypt in August of 2026 so we can try experiencing and photographing a solar eclipse again!

**Please feel free to share any photos you have of the solar eclipse with us at BuckLakeAssoc@gmail.com - as it would be great to include some in the 2025 Buck Lake Calendar!*





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KEEP NIGHTS DARK FOR WILDLIFE

BY WATERSHEDS CANADA

Light pollution is often overlooked but is a significant environmental concern. There are many adverse effects of light pollution on aquatic ecosystems, wildlife, and human health, so raising awareness and leading local change is important at the individual, community group, and municipal level. Use this page to access free resources that can help you drive change in your community.

Access free resources to bring education and change in your community:

1. Fill in our [public awareness and perception survey](#) about light pollution.
2. Download the [Regulatory Guidelines for Light Pollution](#) document created by Watersheds Canada.
3. Become a conscious shopper as you learn [How to Choose Dark-Sky-Friendly Lights](#) in this blog post.
4. Read this blog to see why light pollution is [A Hidden Threat to Biodiversity, our Night Sky, and our Health](#).
5. Find out more about [The Importance of Dark-Sky Reserves for Wildlife and Ecosystems](#) in this blog post.
6. Learn about [Worldwide Initiatives to Combat Light Pollution](#) in this blog post.
7. Watch the ["Crash Course: Saving Birds One Window at a Time"](#) webinar.
8. Send your local newspaper Watersheds Canada's light pollution toolkit [media release](#).
9. Get your community talking about light pollution by downloading this [Introductory Slide Deck](#) and making a presentation to your community group, class, or municipality.
10. [Sign-up for our newsletter](#) to stay up-to-date on light pollution and other topics.
11. [Donate](#) and ensure more communities have access to toolkits and the knowledge they need to protect their local freshwater ecosystems.



While we may not have the light pollution of Hong Kong it is important to think about how/where we use our lights on the lake.

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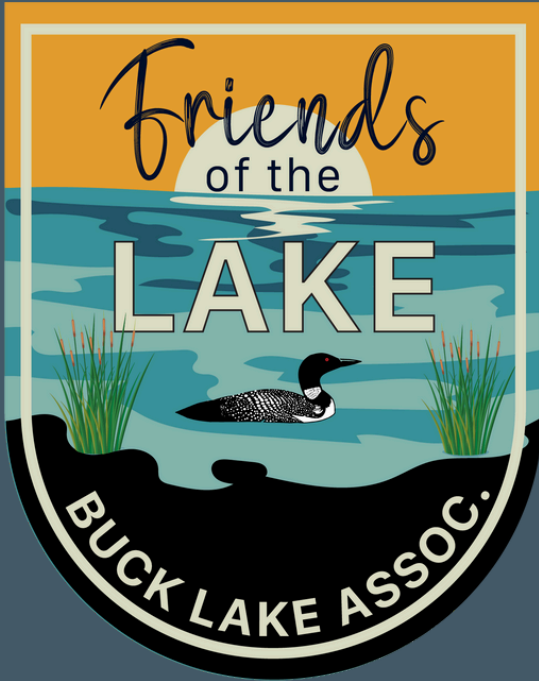
Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre is one of three CVO accredited wildlife hospitals in Ontario with veterinary care including in house x-rays and surgery.



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Friends of the Lake uses this column to share useful links and information to help promote a healthy lake for everyone's enjoyment.

FRESHWATER STEWARDSHIP

Sharing best practices and resources and fostering community relationships is daunting in a country as vast and diverse as Canada. This virtual community brings together students, lake and river associations, individuals, and organizations to connect and collaborate to protect freshwater and shoreland areas. It features a webinar series, networking opportunities, and free education resources.

<https://watersheds.ca/freshwater-stewardship/>

RESOURCES

If you are looking for information on planting native vegetation, maintaining a shoreland buffer, invasive species, engaging your community in stewardship projects or something else that's impacting your shoreland and lake, chances are we have it here! These resources are free to share and distribute thanks to the input and support of granting organizations, private foundations, steering committees, and community partners.

<https://watersheds.ca/our-work/resources/>

A LANDOWNER'S GUIDE TO DOG STRANGLING VINE

Dog-strangling Vine (*Cynanchum rossicum*). Seedpods of dog-strangling vine typically appear in June and can grow well into the fall. The pink or maroon flowers have five points and are a key identification of dog-strangling vine (DSV). Young plants will grow upright until eventually bending under their weight.

Also known as European swallow-wort, is found in parts of Ontario, southern Quebec, and several American states. This plant grows aggressively by wrapping itself around trees and other plants, and can grow up to 2m high. DSV forms dense stands that overwhelm and crowd out native plants and young trees, preventing forest regeneration. The plant produces bean-shaped seed pods 4-7cm long and pink to dark purple star-shaped flowers.

Digging is the most viable eradication measure for small populations. Land managers have reported that digging up the root crown is more effective than hand pulling and, in some cases, pesticide use. If a newly established plant and its roots are removed, there is a good chance that it can be eradicated. Follow-up is required to make sure seedlings aren't growing from old seeds and that all plant pieces were removed to prevent resprouting.

Do not compost DSV or use the cut plants as mulch onsite. DSV can leach plant toxins into the soil which are harmful to other species and may reduce the effectiveness of replanting efforts. If plants have seed pods, carefully put all plant material in black plastic bags. Seal the bags tightly and leave them to "cook" in direct sunlight for 1-3 weeks. If flowers/seed pods have not formed, allow stems and roots to dry out thoroughly before disposing of them. Dispose of all parts of removed plant material, including roots, stems, and leaves to ensure there is no resprouting. Seed pods left on site can ripen, open, and be spread by wind.

Learn more about how to identify and protect our wetland from dog strangling vine and other invasive species by visiting [Ontario's Invading Species Awareness Program](https://www.invasivespeciescentre.ca/ontario-s-invading-species-awareness-program).



Look for seedpods of DSV to begin appearing any time this month.

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INFORMATION FROM OUR FRIENDS AT FOCA

COTTAGE SUCCESSION

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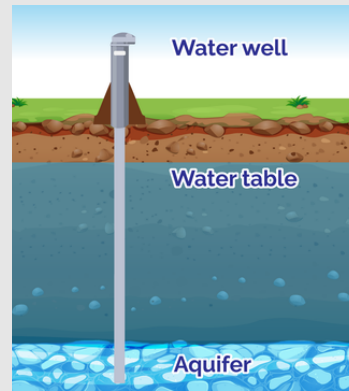
Cottage Succession - Tax Strategies

Wednesday, June 5, 2024 from 7-8:30pm by Zoom webinar - Update: the originally-advertised topic for this date, "Seize the Time or Bide Your Time" has been changed at the speaker's suggestion to "Tax Strategies" in light of the pending capital gains tax change. MEMBERS register for free here; remember to tell us your FOCA affiliation when you register!

If you have any questions please email them to: communications@foca.on.ca

DRINKING WATER TESTING IN ONTARIO

Despite recent media accounts to the contrary, it is FOCA's understanding there is no intention to end private drinking water testing in Ontario. Read FOCA's letter to the Premier, Minister of Health, and President/CEO of Public Health Ontario on the topic, from a link on our webpage: <https://foca.on.ca/source-water-protection/>



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NEW BULK WATER STATION IN SYDENHAM

Residents of South Frontenac Township can now access water at a new bulk water station in Sydenham.

The station is located at 4252 Stage Coach Road and is a medium scale fill station ideal for residents, businesses and farmers who want potable water filled in containers typically of 1,000 litres or less.

Users must set up an account and purchase a fob device and supply their own hose and fittings to use the station. The rate is \$2.25 per cubic meter (1,000 litres), taxes included. \$25 pre-loaded fobs can be purchased at the Township's offices located at 2490 Keeley Road during business hours.

"We're very happy to be able to offer this service," says Troy Dunlop, Manager of Engineering and Capital Projects. "We know there are many residents, businesses and farmers who would like access to bulk potable water, whether it's for home or farm use. This new bulk water station will allow them to access safe potable water seven days a week."

The new bulk water filling station will also fill a critical need in times of emergencies and is another example of how the Township is taking action to adapt to the impacts of climate change by making our community more resilient.

"Water is an important resource," says Mayor Ron Vandewal. "This new bulk water station will allow residents to access safe, potable water for regular day-to-day use and will also be important in times of drought, power outages or other emergencies."

For more information on how to set up an account or purchase a reloadable fob, see [southfrontenac.net/bulkwater](https://www.southfrontenac.net/bulkwater).



Local farmers D'Arcy and Jason Snider were one of the first to fill up at the new bulk water filling station in Sydenham, shown with Troy Dunlop, Manager of Engineering and Capital Projects for South Frontenac Township in front of the new station.

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TOWNSHIP NOTICES

- It's Construction Season! Construction projects are getting underway around the Township. See our [Road Closures and Construction page](#) for the latest updates.
- Courts and Sports Fields Now Open! All fields and courts are now open for the season and available for [booking](#).
- We are now accepting applications for our [Lake Ecosystem Grant Program](#) which funds projects up to \$10,000 that have a positive impact on the health and welfare of lake ecosystems in South Frontenac. Connect with us here at the BLA so we can work with you on a proposal to support our lake! Contact us at BuckLakeAssoc@gmail.com with your idea by August 1, 2024.

Landfill Sites Summer Hours

Hours of operation: 8:30 to 4:30

Loughborough: Mon & Sat
 Portland: Wed & Sat
 Bradshaw: Thurs
 Salem: Tues
 Green Bay: Fri 8:30-12:30/Sun 12:30-4:30

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Summertime

Crossword Puzzle

1. Umbrella
2. Tree
3. Watermelon
4. Blank
5. Beach ball
6. Ice cream cone
7. Blank
8. Blank
9. Seashell
10. Kite
11. Mountains
12. Tent

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HOW MANY?

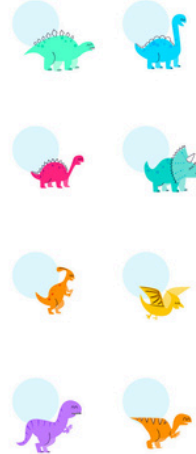


Image by Freepik

NAME THAT BIRD!

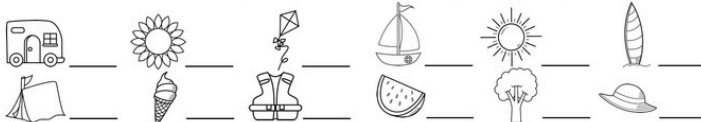
Can you identify the species of bird that was photographed here on Buck Lake?

The answer and information about the species will be provided on our website - under the Kid's Corner tab.

I SPY SUMMER



Search and color these 12 items - How many of each can you find?



WHAT KIND OF BIRD AM I?



Photo by Scott Lillis

