

# NATURE IN THE CITY <sup>2015</sup>

A six-part series of illustrated talks on nature within the City of London  
CELEBRATING THE TENTH SEASON OF THE LECTURE SERIES

This year's series is built around four goals: 1) introduce Londoners to the marvels of nature around us; 2) celebrate the adaptability and resilience of local species and ecosystems; 3) highlight the plight of native species and habitats that are being devastated due to human endeavours; and 4) inspire ordinary people to take action to create a healthier natural world in London and beyond.

**January 13**

## **URBAN DEER:**

### **Co-existing with Bambi**

For thousands of years White-tailed Deer numbers have been influenced by human activities on the landscape. **Kyle Stanley** of the Ministry of Natural Resources describes how deer make a living and presents strategies for minimizing negative impacts on human neighbours and local ecosystems.

**January 20**

## **MONARCHS IN PERIL:**

### **Why Are They Disappearing?**

These are troubling times for the king of butterflies. Citizen scientist and Monarch tagger **Bruce Parker** presents the species' life story, tracing its wondrous migratory journeys to and from its wintering hide-away. He also probes the causes of current plummeting populations and suggests how we can help.

**January 27**

## **RESTORING NATURE:**

### **A Helping Hand for**

### **Beleaguered Ecosystems**

Land clearance, drainage and infrastructure have decimated once-wild spaces. Now, at selected sites, plantings of native species are enhancing and connecting the best of fragmented habitats. **Mhairi McFarlane** of the Nature Conservancy of Canada highlights regional initiatives in restoration ecology.

**February 3**

## **WINTERIZED INSECTS:**

### **Lessons in Coping with the Cold**

Insulation, hibernation, antifreeze and southward travel are all aids in surviving winter's wrath. But how do insects cope with frigid weather? **Brent Sinclair** of Western University's Biology Department explains the ingenious approaches employed by six-legged critters to make it through our coldest season.

**February 10**

## **CELEBRATION OF BATS:**

### **The Current News**

Canada's pre-eminent bat ambassador and researcher, **Brock Fenton**, returns to Nature in the City with the up-to-date story of Ontario's incredible bats. Encounter all eight species, plus their habitats, diverse lifestyles and challenges that range from climate change to white-nose syndrome.

**February 17**

## **MEDWAY VALLEY**

### **HERITAGE FOREST:**

### **A Special Environmentally Significant Area**

Medway Creek flows through beautiful woodlands, beneath high bluffs, past rare plants and over endangered mussels. **Greg Thorn**, of Western University, introduces the amazing features and residents of this fragile and secluded place and urges appropriate protection from the pressures of recreation and development.



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**7-8:30 PM**

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**TUESDAYS**

January 13, 20, 27

February 3, 10, 17

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