



## CONSERVATION HEROES RECOGNIZED

### Ontario Nature's honour roll

On June 4, Ontario Nature recognized the exceptional contributions individuals, government and businesses have made to the protection of wild species and wild spaces. The awards ceremony was part of Ontario Nature's 85th annual general meeting, which took place at Evergreen Resort on the south Bruce Peninsula.

These are the deserving award recipients for 2015:

**1. The City of London** received the **Lee Symmes Municipal Award** for its commitment to protecting Environmentally Significant Areas. Accepted by Andrew Macpherson.

**2. Bud Rowe**, former president of the Kingston Field Naturalists, received the **W.E. Saunders Natural History Award** for his outstanding contributions to the protection of natural areas in eastern Ontario. Accepted by Kurt Hennige.

**3. Alan Macnaughton** received the **Ontario Nature Achievement Award** for his commitment to citizen science initiatives, in particular the creation of an interactive mapping application. Various companies and organizations use his application to inform their research and survey efforts, consultation work and environmental assessments.

**4. Jennifer Howard** received the **Richards Education Award** for her lifelong commitment to conservation. She spends countless hours volunteering for causes related to wildlife rescue and rehabilitation, as well as education and conservation programs.

**5. Freeman Boyd** received the **Ian Shenstone Fraser Memorial Award** for his contribution to naturalists clubs across Ontario and for the creation of the Young Naturalists Club.

**6. Scott Gillingwater** received the **W.W.H. Gunn Conservation Award** for his dedication to protecting at-risk species and helping to ensure that common species remain common.

**7. Simon de Boer** received the **Steve Hounsell Greenway Award** for his contributions to the Grey-Bruce Greenway project. His efforts in helping to bridge the gap between conservationists and farmers were instrumental to the program's success.

**8. Friends of the Rouge Watershed** received the **J.R. Dymond Public Service Award** for its efforts in green-space promotion and education. The award also honours the group's commitment to improving water quality and restoring habitat in the Rouge River watershed and Toronto's Great Lakes Water Quality Area of Concern. Accepted by Jim Robb, Lois James and Cathy Gregorio. Presented by Kevin Thomason and Angela Martin.