



WATER

Healthy waterways provide valuable services to farmers and are required to support wildlife breeding, feeding and overwintering for many species. Fortunately, thriving agricultural landscapes and healthy stream environments can coexist and benefit from each other!

42 ACRES OF WETLANDS HAVE BEEN RESTORED BY SARFIP FARMERS!

ONTARIO'S FARMLAND PROVIDES HABITAT FOR MANY SAR!

BANK SWALLOW



GYPSY CUCKOO BUMBLE BEE



RED-HEADED WOODPECKER



SWAMP ROSE-MALLOW



GRASSLANDS

As grasslands become increasingly rare, so do the plants and animals that rely on these habitats for breeding, feeding, and overwintering. Without efforts to conserve important grassland habitat, these species are at risk of disappearing from Ontario.

LESS THAN 3% OF SOUTHERN ONTARIO'S ORIGINAL GRASSLANDS REMAIN TODAY

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ACRES OF GRASSLANDS RESTORED WITH SARFIP!



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291,982 TREES PLANTED WITH SARFIP



FORESTS

Planting native grass, shrub, and tree species as buffer strips and windbreaks can provide valuable habitat and corridors for many wildlife and species at risk. They can also provide a host of benefits to farmers! These types of plantings help provide shade to livestock and reduce weather-related stress from wind. They also help to increase soil health and provide valuable erosion control, while improving the biodiversity of plants and pollinators.



Species at Risk Farm Incentive Program

Farmland covers over 12 million acres of Ontario, often integrated with valuable plant, fish and wildlife habitat. As stewards of the land, farmers have a unique opportunity to support species at risk (SAR) alongside their farming practices.

The Species at Risk Farm Incentive Program (SARFIP) provides funding to agricultural landowners interested in completing habitat creation, enhancement and protection Best Management Practices (BMPs) that support species at risk.

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HABITAT STRUCTURES INSTALLED BY SARFIP FARMERS!

While there are many activities that can increase the abundance of natural habitat on a farm, habitat structures built to support specific species have been proven effective.



SPECIFIC SAR NEEDS

- Bat houses and/or bat roosts
- Specialized nest boxes for birds
- Winter bird roosts
- Turtle sunning platforms and nesting sites
- Pollinator nesting
- Snake hibernacula
- Pollinator planting projects



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