



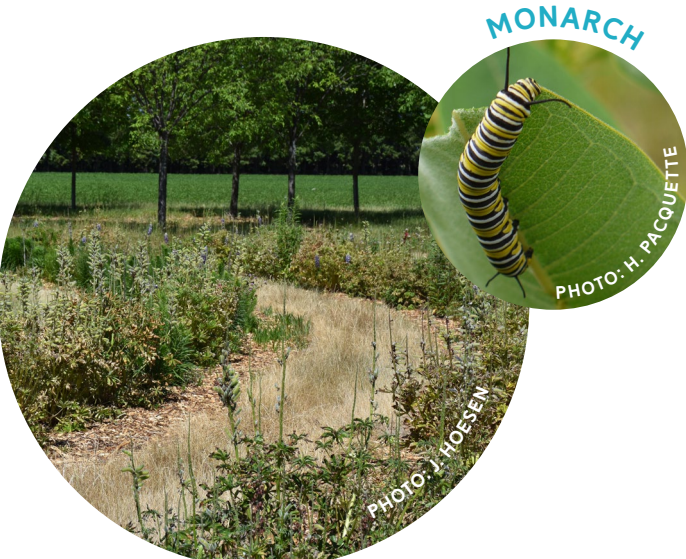
# SPECIFIC SAR NEEDS

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. Barn swallow structures and bat boxes are just two of the structures many farmers are building to help support species at risk.

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### HABITAT STRUCTURES INSTALLED BY SARFIP FARMERS!

- Bat houses and/or bat roosts
- Specialized nest boxes for birds
- Winter bird roosts
- Turtle sunning platforms and nesting sites
- Pollinator nesting sites to support pollinators and plant species at risk
- Snake hibernacula (overwintering sites)
- Pollinator planting projects



Species at Risk Farm Incentive Program

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. Addressing risks identified through the Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) workbook, farmers can implement practices that are beneficial for species listed as at-risk in Ontario.

### INTERESTED IN HELPING SAR ON YOUR FARM?

Be sure to check out our website regularly for program updates.

To know more, go to the SAR resource page for project ideas and to access the Farm Field Guides, activity books and more: [www.ontariosoilcrop.org/oscia-programs/sarpal/additional-resources/](http://www.ontariosoilcrop.org/oscia-programs/sarpal/additional-resources/)

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## SUPPORTING ONTARIO FARMERS

in implementing habitat creation, enhancement and protection Best Management Practices that help species at risk



# 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!

By protecting and restoring rivers, streams and wetlands, you can help prevent threatened wildlife species from disappearing from Ontario! Planting or maintaining a vegetated buffer between waterways and agricultural activities (ex: grazing livestock or cutting hay) is a simple but effective way to help keep natural water features on your farm sustainable.



## BMPs INCLUDE:

- Wetland Restoration
- Fencing to Exclude Livestock from Water's Edge
- Improved Stream Crossings
- Erosion Control Structures Along Water's Edge



# GRASSLANDS

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

Native grassland habitats have seen dramatic reductions in size since European settlement. The occurrence of surrogate or agricultural grasslands like pastures, hayfields, and old fields have helped to offset these habitat declines.

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.

**140 ACRES OF GRASSLANDS RESTORED WITH SARFIP!**

## BMPs INCLUDE:

- Cross Fencing for Rotational Grazing
- Native Grassland Planting



# 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.

Not only can these farm features provide much needed habitat and corridors, 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.

## BMPs INCLUDE:

- Fencing to Exclude Livestock from Woodlands
- Native Tree Planting



**291,982 TREES PLANTED WITH SARFIP!**