

## UN NATURE CONFERENCE SPOTLIGHT: **MAJOR WINS TO HALT AND REVERSE NATURE LOSS!**

1. A historic **global agreement** to halt and reverse nature loss that commits to conserve 30% of land and ocean by 2030.
2. A **global deal** that recognizes the fundamental role of Indigenous Peoples and dedicated funding for new Indigenous protected areas.
3. A **commitment** to restore 19 million hectares of forest by 2030 (an area almost the size of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia combined).
4. A **priority** to safeguarding ocean biodiversity.
5. **Mobilization** of a strong and diverse public movement. Over the year, more than 33,000 people signed our petition for the federal government to protect 30% of lands and waters by 2030. Thank you for raising your voices for nature!



Humpback Whale

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Right now, we are hard at work pushing for Canada to be a leader in ocean conservation at the ocean summit in Vancouver. We want to move from promises to action plans, including securing strong protection standards in Marine Protected Areas, engaging with Coastal First Nations and working towards a moratorium on deep-sea mining and a global high seas treaty. **This work is only possible with your support! Together, we can ensure a better future for ourselves and our planet.**

You are welcome to contact me anytime for a confidential conversation. You can reach me at **1-800-267-4088 Ext. 239** or by email me at **[jjoy@naturecanada.ca](mailto:jjoy@naturecanada.ca)**. I'm here to help! – Jodi



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**YOUR IMPACT AND ACTION UPDATE**

WINTER 2023

## MEET EMILY MCMILLAN, NATURE CANADA'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I've been in love with nature since I can remember. I grew up in an military family and we moved around a lot. No matter where we lived, I always found a home in nature—tramping through woods and streams, listening to bird calls.

My passion for environmental activism was sparked when I was attending university in New Brunswick. While studying biology and environmental studies, I also became fascinated with why some people care so deeply about the environment and others just don't. What are the values that will move people to action? How can we get people to care? That became the core of my life's work, right up to today.

I'm honoured to serve as the new Executive Director here at Nature Canada. I've already been working here for 3 years and learning about our rich history and diversity of



campaigns inspires me to look ahead with ambition and vision to the future.

And that's where you come in! I wanted to introduce myself to you first, as I know you are a loyal and dedicated supporter of Nature Canada. **Members like you ARE Nature Canada!** You're the bedrock of this organization and we would not be where we are today without you: people who are about wildlife and wilderness.

Over the coming months, I'm going to be reaching out to you to find out more about

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your stories, what matters to you, and how we can harness our shared power and determination to halt and reverse nature loss. You'll hear more from me soon.

**Thank you for your inspiring commitment to nature in Canada.** I look forward to working with you to confront urgent and important priorities for nature today, and how we can promise to protect nature for generations to come.

I am a mother of two nature lovers who have been enthusiastic backcountry campers since they were only a few months old. Watching their joy in nature every day makes me proud to work with you and other caring and compassionate citizens to protect and preserve our spectacular natural heritage, forever.

– **Emily McMillan, Executive Director and Guardian of Nature Monthly Donor**



# 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW: YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK FOR NATURE

Every day, week and month of the year, your gifts are at work for nature in your province and across the country. **Here are just a few highlights!**

## JANUARY 2022

Hosted **Cree First Nation partners** to discuss their James Bay homelands and efforts to protect Red Knots and other iconic wildlife.



Red Knots

## FEBRUARY 2022

Hosted **Halt and Reverse Nature Loss** workshop with other national ENGOs.



## JULY 2022

Our **20 NatureHood partners** held nature-based activities to connect thousands of school-aged kids and families with the magic of nature.



Kids at NatureHood day camp in Montreal

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## JUNE 2022

**Protecting the Lake of Shining Waters** report calling for a National Marine Conservation Area in Lake Ontario to protect this biodiversity gem and secure better protection for all of the Great Lakes.



Loon

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## MAY 2022

Coordinated over **65 events** across Canada to celebrate and save bird lives.



## APRIL 2022

Published a letter from **90 International Scientists** to call for protection of intact forests.



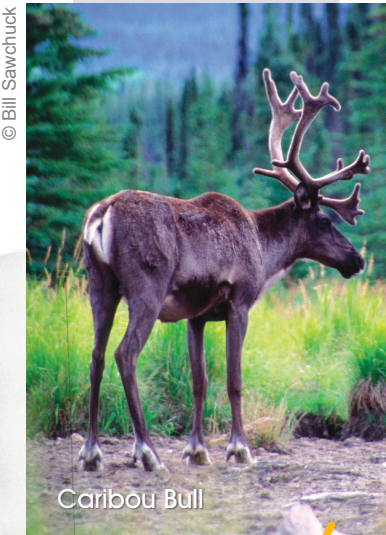
## SEPTEMBER 2022

**Bringing the Canopy to All** report about tree canopy cover in urban areas and improving access to trees and shade.



## OCTOBER 2022

**Lost in the Woods** report calling for more protection of intact Boreal Forest from clear-cutting to reduce climate impacts and protect species such as Caribou, Lynx and songbirds.



Caribou Bull

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## NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2022

Gathered **Letters of Hope** and delivered them to the Prime Minister at the NatureCOP UN meeting in Montreal.



Fox

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**With your continued support we will work to defend nature in 2023...and beyond!**

