Press Release

*Canada 150 Species Challenge met by North Durham Nature!*

North Durham Nature ( NDN), Uxbridge Recreation and guests managed to count over 180 species in the Uxbridge Countryside Preserve on June 11th on a beautiful sunny morning. Four separate hikes focussing on Wildflowers, Trees, Aquatic critters, Butterflies and bugs, and Birds were led by naturalists exploring the Wildlife Loops of the Preserve. Participants joined in the fun of finding identifying and recording the different life forms. Guide books, checklists, nets and hands on assistance ensured the success. Self - guided scavenger hunts were also provided so everyone in the family could participate.

To maintain the Preserve’s biodiversity no plants were picked and all life was released after identification back to their homes.

Uxbridge Recreation offered free brochures, water bottles, buttons and fruit. There was also opportunities to buy maps of the Preserve and Uxbridge Trails .

Christine Smith of ChrisMar mapping dropped in to promote the Green Durham trail maps and thanks to Mark and her the new Countryside Preserve map was installed in the Kiosk in time for the day.

 NDN Draw Prize Winners: Congratulations to:

 1st Gary Schissler of Port Perry who won the Paul Rothfels Mouseproof Bird Box

2nd Elizabeth Hulse of Prince Albert who won the Photographic Butterfly guide

3rd Russel Watts of Hamilton who won the Ontario Bird Checklist.

We thank the town for allowing us to run the event, Uxbridge Recreation for their support and cooperation and our guests and volunteer naturalists.

Next event ? Thursday night 7 pm June 22nd Uxbridge Seniors Centre, 75 Marietta

join us for a talk and visual exploration of the habitats of the Uxbridge Morraine with Mark Stabb

More details check the website [www.northdurhamnature.com](http://www.northdurhamnature.com) Or Call Derek 905-852-5432

Bring your mug for coffee or tea