

# NATURE IN THE CITY <sup>2012</sup>

A six-part series of illustrated talks on nature within the City of London

Whether plant, animal or human, all London residents depend on interactions among climate, soils, landforms and waterways. Within this supporting network, change is ongoing, and complex relationships are constantly being fine-tuned. This series of talks invites you to meet a sampling of the inhabitants and processes that help shape our local ecosystems.

## January 17

### THE WILY COYOTE: Is There One in Your Neighbourhood?

Increasingly, Londoners are spotting coyotes well within municipal boundaries. **Ben Hindmarsh** of the Ministry of Natural Resources explains how urban coyotes make a living and provides tips on how to reduce conflicts with these resourceful city dwellers.

## January 24

### LANDSCAPING WITH NATIVE PLANTS: How to Make the Switch

Adapted to local conditions, native plants are the basis of healthy ecosystems. **Ben Porchuk** of Landscape Native creates vibrant mini-meadows of native plants in urban settings. Learn to combine landscape design and ecological principles through native plantings.

## January 31

### EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE: What It Means for Local Ecosystems

Climate, soil processes and plant health are intimately linked. Warming conditions over winter can alter snow cover and soil frost. **Hugh Henry** of the UWO Biology Department examines how soils, plants and animals are affected by these changes. Discover how your back forty might respond to climate change.

## February 7

### A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT: The Thames River in London

London is a river city. Its very existence is defined by the tributaries and branches of the Thames that converge and flow through it. **Patrick Donnelly**, the City's watershed specialist, presents the Thames and the many interconnections its waters have with our lives.



## February 14

### ENDEARING CHICKADEES: Sociable, Adaptable and Successful

Everyone loves chickadees – cheery visitors to winter bird feeders. But just how do they make a living in the wild? Expect a few surprises as **David Sherry** of the UWO Psychology Department reveals how chickadees find, store and retrieve food.

## February 21

### KAINS WOODS ENVIRONMENTALLY SIGNIFICANT AREA: Forested Terraces Sculpted by Glacial Rivers

Bordering the Thames River in Byron, Kains Woods ESA possesses remarkable diversity. High bluffs, soaring eagles, steep ravines, hemlock groves, industrious beavers and ancient river terraces are but a sampling. Nature London's **Winifred Wake** introduces this natural jewel.

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