

# More Blue & Green for the Holidays

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## Winter Solstice to be marked at Willow Park drumming event

It's almost here! The time of year so welcome in the northern hemisphere for more eons than anyone can remember.

Winter Solstice!

When the darkness stops coming earlier and earlier and gives the bringing back of light gives hope for the coming year. Due to the slight wobble in the Earth, Winter Solstice does not fall on the same day and time every year and this year it comes at 11:49 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 21.

To give everyone a chance to celebrate, Willow Park Ecology Centre is holding its annual Winter Solstice welcoming ceremony a few hours earlier on Sunday, Dec. 20, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Once again Sheila Black will be the leader as attendees explore the ancient rituals of our ancestors in northern communities all around the globe.

Bring your drums and musical instruments if you have them, but if not just bring yourselves and your families to Willow Park



**Sheila Black (above left) will be the leader as attendees explore the ancient rituals of our ancestors in northern communities all around the globe.**  
*Submitted photo*

Ecology Centre.

Be sure to dress warmly and bring a flashlight as this is an outdoor event. Admission is \$5 each or \$15 for a family to cover costs, but if you can't afford it just come and join in with us on this special night.

Check out [www.willowparkecology.ca](http://www.willowparkecology.ca) for directions and further details.

## Join the Christmas Bird Count

This holiday season, you can help our feathered friends by joining a Christmas Bird Count. These daylong, volunteer-run bird surveys are organized locally by naturalist groups. They are free and open to everyone—regardless of age or skill level.

This year's counts will run from Dec. 14, to Jan. 5, 2016. Visit the Ontario Nature ([www.ontarionature.org/cbc](http://www.ontarionature.org/cbc)) and Bird Studies Canada ([www.bsc-eoc.org/volunteer/cbc](http://www.bsc-eoc.org/volunteer/cbc)) websites to find a count near you. Ontario Nature member groups are co-ordinating more than 70 counts.

The Christmas Bird Count is North America's longest-running citizen science project and a crucial part of Canada's biodiversity monitoring database. Every volun-

teer who takes part in a count contributes to the study and conservation of birds. Scientists use these data to monitor the status of resident and migratory birds across the Western Hemisphere.

"The Christmas Bird Count is a fun tradition with an important goal—bird study and conservation," says Anne Bell, director of conservation and education at Ontario Nature. "It's great to see expert and novice birders working together to spot as many species as possible, regardless of the weather."

Last year, nearly 4,100 Ontarians participated in 114 Christmas Bird Counts. They recorded an astonishing 178 species and 1,394,498 individual birds.

*Wishing you a  
Happy Holiday  
Season.*

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### GreenCart

- Turkey, ham & meat, including bones
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- Latkes, fruits & vegetables
- Paper napkins
- Paper plates & cups
- gift tissue free of tape



### Garbage

- Wrapping paper
- Ribbons & bows
- Styrofoam
- damaged gift bags
- Clear moulded plastic packaging
- Plastic film
- Bubble wrap



**Christmas Trees:** Christmas tree collection occurs in January (urban areas only). Check your Waste Management Calendar or [halton.ca/waste](http://halton.ca/waste) for exact dates. Remove all tinsel, lights, decorations and plastic bags before collection. Ensure trees do not become stuck or frozen in snow banks.

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