

# TOWN RECEIVES BIRD-FRIENDLY DESIGNATION

Halton Hills has been designated as a bird friendly city by Nature Canada.

Here's what you need to know:

## WHAT DOES THE DESIGNATION MEAN?

The bird-friendly city designation was developed by Nature Canada to encourage Canadian cities to become safer and better places for wild birds. The town is just the 14th municipality in Canada to receive the designation.

## WHAT DID HALTON HILLS DO TO EARN THE DESIGNATION?

- worked in collaboration with Nature Canada's partners, including Halton Hills Nature, POWER (Protect our Water and Environmental Resources), Credit Valley Conservation, as well as other community organizations to



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- make the town a safe haven for wild birds.

- Established a no-roam bylaw to reduce the impact

- of cats as predators

- Developing municipal strategies to protect natural features, biodiversity

- and key habitat and implementing actions to achieve those goals

- Providing opportuni-

ties to view, learn about and appreciate wild birds and get involved in bird conservation

- Created a bird team to protect, monitor and celebrate their local bird populations

## WHY ARE BIRD-FRIENDLY CITIES IMPORTANT?

Birds are essential in maintaining healthy and resilient ecosystems. The bird population in North America has dropped by more than three billion in the past 50 years, largely due to human activity such as urban expansion.

## WHAT THEY'RE SAYING?

"I'm so excited that Halton Hills has qualified for Bird Friendly certification. I'm proud to be a member of the bird team and to share my passion for birds while raising awareness and being a part

of protecting the birds that live in and migrate through our area. It's great to see our community taking steps to foster an environment where birds can be protected and admired by our residents." — Aaron Keating, Halton/North Peel Naturalist Club

"This certification highlights and celebrates years of collaborative community efforts to preserve, protect, and restore the natural heritage and ecosystems in Halton Hills. From town council and staff, to grassroots community groups and volunteers we all make a difference. The support and enthusiasm for this project is encouraging and we hope more and more residents and community groups get involved."

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