

A Special New Year's Message to our Readers!



You are reading the *rare* Review! That's wonderful. It shows you care about our work, and that motivates us to keep going as we face the challenges of stewarding over 900 acres (and growing!) on behalf of the community while we train the next generation of conservationists.

We hope you are inspired by what you learn here and want to stay in touch, and to learn more about *rare* — perhaps even to tell others about our work and our needs.

We're already thinking ahead to the next newsletter — and to all the other exciting things that spring brings to our conservation lands and in our communities.

As you think about your goals for 2018 and your New Year resolutions, can we ask that you also think about us?

Throughout the year there are many gift-giving opportunities. You can honour teachers, send birthday and anniversary wishes and celebrate all the special occasions in your life — all the while supporting conservation and future generations. For as little as \$2, you can symbolically adopt a square metre of sensitive lands. The names of those you honour will be permanently displayed on our Founders Wall at the end of the campaign.

If you have not yet made a gift to *rare* — or did not have a chance to give over the holidays — why not consider it now? January is a great time for new beginnings!

Everyone at *rare* wishes you a happy new year, filled with peace and hope — for a future where coming generations can enjoy natural settings that are still available to us.

All the best for 2018.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Sobek-Swant'.

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p.s. Give the gift of nature to everyone you want to honour this year. As little as \$2 symbolically protects alvars and cliffs, some of the last remnants of old-growth forest in southern Ontario, wetlands, cold water streams and rivers, prime community gardens land, etc. — visit www.turnthemapgreen.ca.

p.p.s. See our gift list on the back for other creative gift ideas.



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Give the gift of Nature

This holiday season, honour those on your gift list with a donation to **rare**. Their names will join yours on our permanent donor wall at the end of the campaign.

\$10

Supplies for restoration days like garbage bags and gloves.

\$25

Butterfly net for monitoring.

\$50

Five organic tomato plants for the Springbank Farm Community Gardens' Foodbank Garden.

\$100

Supplies for the *Every Child Outdoors* (ECO) program, like binoculars and lab equipment.

Pollinator seed mix, including milkweed, to cover half an acre of **rare** land to ensure the sustainability of pollinators like Monarchs and Bees.

\$250

100 trees to restore 200m² of ecologically sensitive and significant **rare** land.

\$1000

Even \$2 protects one square metre of your friend's or family's favourite piece of **rare** and helps *Turn the Map Green!* Visit turnthemapgreen.ca.

\$2 x

A **rare** gift is an undesignated donation to the **rare Charitable Research Reserve** to help further our mission of conservation, research and education. These **rare** gifts are based on actual projects and programs underway at **rare** to protect, intact in perpetuity, the 900+ acres that we steward on behalf of the public.

