

Explore the Sackville River Watershed!

The SRA wishes to highlight a part of Nova Scotia that is near and dear to their hearts. They are extending an invitation to EXPLORE the Sackville River and its watershed. Located within the Halifax Regional Municipality and the county of East Hants this area is in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People.

The Sackville watershed area provides citizens with a healthy, sustainable community and innumerable recreational opportunities such as: walking, boating, cycling, angling, birding, and many others. As part of these activities, we hope you take time to observe nature – the watershed is home to many species.

Photo Gallery – Biodiversity

To explore observations of wildlife shared by others from within the watershed area click here (https://inaturalist.ca/observations?place_id=137368&view=species). A new window will open highlighting species uploaded to iNaturalist by others.

Click on observations/map then zoom in or out on the map – remember to refresh by pressing ‘Redo search in map’. To learn more about individual species click on the scientific name. Example here is the page associated with Eastern hemlock <https://inaturalist.ca/taxa/48734-Tsuga-canadensis>

To share your observations, join iNaturalist. You may choose to use the free app or to go online at [iNaturalist.ca](https://inaturalist.ca) to upload your camera photos and/or sound recordings. Click here (<https://inaturalist.ca/pages/video+tutorials+%252f+tutoriels+video>) to access video tutorials that will walk you through procedure(s).

You do not need to be an expert to share your observations. The iNaturalist software will suggest a name that you may choose but only select one of these names if you are confident that it is correct. If you don't know the species name, then enter a generic name such as plant or bird or butterfly or fungi. The iNat community will review your postings and make comments – remember to check your iNat dashboard and read feedback – this will help you learn and enhance your iNat experience.

Become a citizen scientist today - your observations will help highlight the species in our area and will not only strengthen current knowledge but will also help fill in temporal and spatial gaps. If you have photos from past adventures and you know when and where they were taken, then upload them today!

Join our iNaturalist project and be automatically notified if/when a journal article or news item is posted <https://inaturalist.ca/projects/the-sackville-river-watershed>

Keep exploring our watershed area area – both virtually and in-person!