

An Eco-Minute – Why We Should Care About Biodiversity Loss

We all love experiencing nature, whether it's in our own backyards or on a voyage of discovery. It's estimated that there are five to ten million different species on our amazing planet!

But the science is clear: nature is in trouble. Biodiversity is declining faster than at any time in human history. When we lose biodiversity, we jeopardize the things we rely on and often take for granted: clean air and water, flood regulation, food security, pollination, and the foundation for much of our economy.

Consider this:

- Up to one million species globally are threatened with extinction.
- Canada has lost 80% of original wetlands in and around urban areas, and approximately 80% of native prairie grasslands.
- Populations of birds that feed on insects have declined by 59% since 1870.
- One in five species in Canada are at some level of risk of extinction.

Halting and reversing biodiversity loss is one of the great challenges of our time. If we get it right, the transition will have positive impacts on our collective well-being, economic prosperity, and quality of life now and into the future.

Let's work together to support biodiversity in our communities and beyond!



