



Carlington Hampton News

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Thank you for the
Hampton Park visit!



In May, the Friends of Hampton Park, with help from Pam Gullen of the Wild Pollinator Partners Community Outreach team, parents and teachers, hosted groups from Elmdale, including 80 Grade 2 students in a single day!

We celebrate four years of partnership with Nepean High School! We cannot thank them enough for all that they have done for Hampton and Carlington over the years. This year, Grade 9 students removed periwinkle, moved mulch, and planted native wildflowers that Grade 12 students grew. *Pictured: A selection of coneflowers grown from Hampton seed in the Nepean greenhouse.*

Special thanks to teacher Tara Topping for sticking with us!



Invasive Controls

Buckthorn control continues in Carlington. Check out this wonderful video created by one of our volunteers that shows some of the work done to date. We can always use more hands!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2lQyODr0Ug&t=7s>



Thanks to the NCC Student Team who knocked out more Hampton knotweed this year!



L-R: Dog strangling vine flower; vegetation cut along the Experimental Farm pathway in Carlington; seed pods



Thanks to all who have watched our videos about how to remove this plant and taken action. Keep it up!

Wildlife News

"Jason" the lucky Friday the 13th raccoon



Thanks to Mesha and Patrick for rescuing a raccoon stuck in an empty dumpster in Carlington's business district. The raccoon had been spotted on the 12th and, with no way for it to climb out, Friends sent out a mayday. A few late-night maneuvers on the 13th, with the help of an impromptu ramp and some treats, and Jason was out in a flash!

Thanks to all who offered help on such short notice, and to the Rideau Valley Wildlife Sanctuary for their advice! www.rideauwildlife.org

A big shout out to those who helped a young racoon in Hampton Park in June as well, providing it with shade and water until a bylaw officer could arrive to take care of it. Thank you for caring about our local wildlife!

For months, birders at Hampton Park had been reporting the call of an Eastern Screech owl but until recently no one had been able to get a photo. It's very well camouflaged!



Note: We don't release the exact locations of these birds for their safety.

Photos: M. Sagram, B. Reid



Events & Volunteer Opportunities

Carlington

- ✋ Buckthorn control at Clyde Avenue South (July/August)
- ✋ Watering / weeding at the Staircase Garden and Clyde Bee & Butterfly Patch (as needed)
- ✋ Litter picking (always!)

Hampton

- ✋ Japanese knotweed and periwinkle removal (as needed)
- ✋ Mulching / watering /weeding (July/August)
- ✋ Staghorn sumac planting (July)

**Save the date! July 17 Bat Walk with the
National Capital Commission. Details to come.**

Volunteer with the group, or for invasive removal, receive training you so that you can do it whenever your schedule permits. We sign for student volunteer hours.

Notices of events are sent as they are scheduled.

Contacts & Resources

Ready to go native? Check out the Wild Pollinator Partners website, chock full of resources to help you transition your garden, plan for fall, and much more!

Friends of Hampton Park and the Friends of Carlington Woods are members of the WPP Community Outreach Team.

<https://wildpollinators-pollinisateurssauvages.ca/>

Be water-smart!



- Water at night to reduce evaporation
- Mulch around plants to hold in more moisture
- Choose native species, which are often more drought-tolerant than non-native plants

More tips here: thespruce.com/how-to- conserve-water-in-garden-11750523

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