



#### LANDOWNER'S NEWSLETTER

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The *La Rumeur* newsletter : project news, informative articles, and a crossword to test your knowledge about nature.

Enjoy!

*The Green Corridor team*

#### Five Years, 100 landowners!

- ◆ Surveys of natural areas: **1850 hectares**
- ◆ Awareness efforts : **100 landowners**
- ◆ Long-term protection of natural areas: **110.7 hectares**
- ◆ Identification of flora and fauna at risk : **25 species**

#### New surveys in 2013

Potential **Least Bittern** habitat was inventoried by the Green Corridor team for the first time this year. Four lots in the Hudson area were surveyed in order to determine if they could be suitable for this species at risk. The Least Bittern is considered to be a threatened species in Canada and a vulnerable species in Québec.

This small discreet heron has very specific habitat preferences. It likes marshes that are dominated by emergent plants (plants that are partly in the water and partly outside of the water), like Cattails. The area in question must be relatively large, over 5 hectares, of which half should be in open water.

Despite the fact that our team did not find any individuals in the Vaudreuil-Soulanges Green Corridor, observations have confirmed its presence in the municipalities of Pointe-Fortune, Hudson, and Les Cèdres.



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#### Species at risk : Shaabark Hickory

This unique-looking tree prefers rich and humid soils that are mainly found along the Saint-Lawrence River. This year, approximately **10 individuals were found** by our team on a property in Vaudreuil-Dorion.

Its bark, which strips off in long bands on mature trees, and its leaves, composed of 5 leaflets (the central leaflet being slightly larger), make this tree easy to recognize. Living up to 200 years, this tree is greatly appreciated by humans and squirrels alike for its edible, oily, and sweet nuts.

Given its limited distribution, this species is considered **susceptible of being designated threatened or vulnerable**, in other words, a rare or struggling species whose situation is being analysed and which could be designated threatened or vulnerable under the law governing threatened or vulnerable species in Quebec.



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# TOWARD A GREENER FOREST !

## INVITATIONS!!!

### The Northern Map Turtle, a rare species near you! - Free Conference

Learn more about the Northern Map Turtle a rare species living in the Lake of Two Mountains.

When: **May 10, 1 p.m.** (English) or 10 a.m. (French)

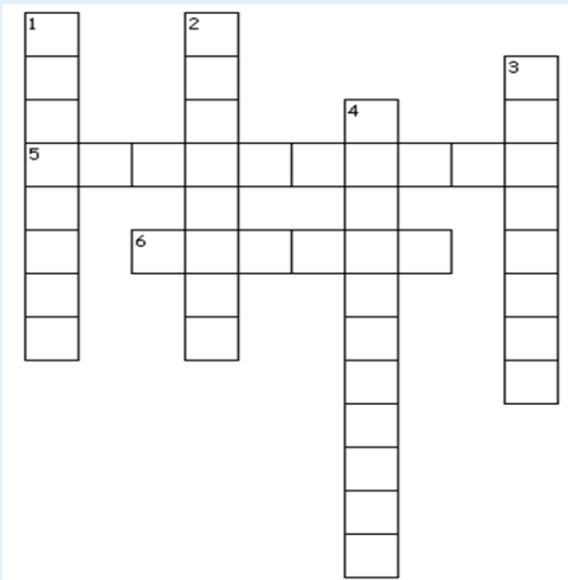
Where: Centre multisports, 3093 boulevard de la Gare, Vaudreuil-Dorion

Book your spot! They are limited. To [corridorvert@nature-action.qc.ca](mailto:corridorvert@nature-action.qc.ca) or contact Geneviève : 450-536-0422 ext. 422

<sup>1</sup> Species of special concern listed on Schedule 1 of Canada's Species At Risk Act.

### Crossword puzzle on nature !

Here is a short puzzle to test your knowledge of species and natural phenomena.



1. The \_\_\_\_\_ turtle is too large to fit into its carapace when it feels threatened
2. I am a type of moss that grows in bogs and is used by amphibians
3. A canker is a \_\_\_\_\_ that grows on the Butternut tree
4. The Groundhog uses this survival strategy in winter
5. I am an exotic invasive species from Australia often found on the sides of highways
6. When I fall off the head of the White-tailed deer in autumn, I become a great source of calcium for rodents.

Hint: Some answers can be found in previous newsletters.  
Answers will appear in the next newsletter.

Answers to previous crossword puzzle:

1. Oak 2. Peeper 3. Nighthawk 4. Milkweed 5. Birch 6. Equinox 6. Tamarack
7. Red 8. Damselfly

### Build shelters for small animals– Free Workshop

Learn to build shelters for small animals living on your woodland.

When: **April 26, 10 a.m.**

**Meeting place:** the Church of Sainte-Marthe (rue Principale), we will carpool.

Duration: 2h

Don't forget your boots. We are going to be outside to build the shelters.

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We want to hear your ideas!

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