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AFTER 50 YEARS THROUGH CONSERVING LAND  
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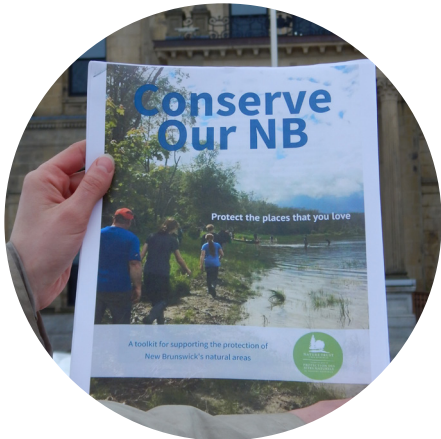
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**SPECIES AT RISK  
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# **FURBISH'S LOUSEWORT**

The importance of this significant plant and why we must work together to protect it.

**BY: AARON DOWDING,**  
CONSERVATION PLANNING MANAGER



Talk about searching for a needle in a haystack. I had long since given up on swatting away black flies and wiping away sweat that stung my eyes, as I crouched under an alder bush along the sunny banks of the Saint John River. We were searching for a tiny cluster of fern-like leaves growing low on the ground. “Is that it? No.. wait. Maybe that’s it?” I knew if I stepped on one of the plants we sought, I chanced getting tossed into the river by one of my eagle-eyed and determined companions.

I must confess, that when I first started working on Species at Risk projects with the Nature Trust, I wasn’t terribly excited by an odd plant with an unfortunate name, Furbish’s lousewort or *Pedicularis furbishae*. Since then, I’ve changed my tune because this amazing plant has changed the way I look at our beautiful Saint John River.

Furbish’s lousewort has an interesting history of being discovered, declared extinct, rediscovered again, and then finally protected as an endangered species in Canada and the United States. It’s a rare plant endemic to the Saint John River in Northern New Brunswick and Maine – meaning that in the entire world, it only grows along this one river. Very few species are restricted to eastern Canada, let alone one section of one river.

First discovered in the late 1870’s by two amateur botanists from New Brunswick, it wasn’t until 1882 that a proper name was given in honour of Kate Furbish, an intrepid Maine botanist who figured out that this was an unknown species. Two local conservation heroes, George Stirrett and Fred Tribe, discovered new sites in 1977 and Mr. Tribe was one of the first to successfully grow and out-plant louseworts in an early conservation effort.

Anyone who has had the good fortune to spend time in Furbish’s lousewort country knows that the Saint John River is the gem of our province; a place that is so scenic and peaceful that you must pry yourself off the shore to leave.

If, on the other hand, you’ve been out searching for Furbish’s lousewort, you probably have taken strained eyes, back pain, and a few good stumbles home with you.

Furbish’s lousewort is a parasitic plant where roots of the young plants tap into the roots of other plants nearby in search of nitrogen. The plants then mature with the help of their hosts. When the plants finally flower in their third year, just a single species is known to pollinate their flowers - the Half-black bumblebee (*Bombus vagans*).

Botanists call this a fugitive species because it periodically pops up and then disappears along the river. Furbish’s lousewort only grows in a narrow strip of north or west-facing river shoreline where the banks are steep and moist, with shade provided by forest cover from above.

This tenacious little plant must also endure an annual onslaught of ice that scours the shoreline during the river’s spring freshet. Furbish’s lousewort has adapted to the forces of ice knocking down competitive vegetation, but every so often the ice breakup is so destructive that it can wipe out entire plant colonies or render a section of the bank unsuitable for these plants.

When I learned about these fascinating tidbits, I was hooked. I finally understood what our George Stirrett Nature Preserve, located in Victoria County, was all about. I felt like I’d been let in on another of New Brunswick’s great secrets.

There are only five Furbish’s lousewort sites known in New Brunswick, between Grand Falls and Aroostook, Maine, where the bulk of the population is located.

This is both an advantage and a challenge for the conservation efforts in New Brunswick; on one hand, we can focus our limited resources on five sites, however, on the other hand, our scant populations are much more vulnerable to the threats facing sensitive shoreline habitat.

As you read this, the Nature Trust is working alongside biologists from the Province of New Brunswick and the University of New Brunswick to determine the cause of recent population declines and ways to preserve this species.

Though other researchers are scouring the river shoreline in search of additional populations along the river, the key to preserving this species rests in **the hands of private landowners** along the river. The Nature Trust works together with people who have Furbish’s lousewort and other Species at Risk on their land so they can do their part to preserve species living on the edge.

With your membership and support, the Nature Trust can carry out this and other important work in New Brunswick as we preserve the best of what makes our province so special.

**Thank you to the following funders for their support of our Species at Risk projects:** Environment and Climate Change Canada's Habitat Stewardship Program (HSP) for Species at Risk, New Brunswick Wildlife Trust Fund, New Brunswick Environmental Trust Fund, and the Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre (ACCDC).



**Furbish’s lousewort populations are known to fluctuate from time to time, however, recent surveys suggest major declines at known sites in New Brunswick by 70 to 90% since 2002; work is underway now to find ways to help this endangered species survive here.**



**The cancellation of the Dickey-Lincoln Dam project near Allagash, Maine in 1984 has kept the northern Saint John River wild and free-flowing in this state; vast stretches of habitat for Furbish's lousewort and nearly 40 other rare plants were saved from flooding.**

**DONOR  
PROFILES:**

# **RECONNECTING THROUGH CONSERVATION**

How two high school classmates  
reconnected after 50 years apart  
through conserving land with the  
Nature Trust

**BY: DANIELLE ANDRUS,  
COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER**



It was a warm spring day in 2017, and Judith Seymour was on her way into town for a coffee date. She was working on finalizing her land donation, 94.5 acres of mixed woodland in Estey's Bridge, to the Nature Trust of New Brunswick and was driving to the city to meet with Nature Trust Executive Director, Renata Woodward, to see how things were shaping up.

The two met at a local café and began to chat about the new preserve, among other things, when Judith asked about other projects the organization was working on. Renata began to speak of a property that they had recently acquired and were working to finalize in the Keswick Ridge region. When she mentioned the names of the land donors, Patricia and Jan Volney, it took Judith by surprise.

“She said 'we're working on another donated property up in Keswick or Keswick Ridge, donated by Pat and Jan Volney,'" said Judith. “I said ‘okay, there aren't many Volney's around' and that I went to school with a Pat Cameron.”

The recently acquired property, 16.5 acres of rare mixed Appalachian Hardwood forest, was to be named the Margaret Coburn Cameron Woods Nature Preserve, in memory of Margaret Coburn Cameron. This, Judith said, solidified it. She must be her old classmate.

Renata offered to reconnect Judith with Patricia, whom she hadn't spoken with in 50 years. When she returned to the Nature Trust office, she sent out an email to both women so that they would have each others' contact information. It was a kind gesture, yes, but nothing came of it – at first.

### ***C1 Classmates***

Judith and Patricia met in 1963 when they entered secondary school at Fredericton High School. They were from opposite sides of the river, with Judith living in Estey's Bridge and Patricia on the south side of Fredericton. Prior to their first day, they had individually decided to add an extra class in Latin to their coursework, which meant they were placed into a C1 class.

Patricia sat on the opposite side of the classroom from Judith and though they sat apart, they were able to get to know one another quite well, as they had many friends in common. Being placed into a C1 class meant that they took all the same classes together with their classmates until they graduated.



Judith Seymour (left) and Patricia Volney (right) at the Margaret Coburn Cameron Woods Nature Preserve Grand Opening in August.

“We were academically, quite proficient, but we were not content to be studious only; we were out to have a good time,” Judith said, laughing. “I heard that we were the worst C1, B1, and A1 class ever.” “I heard that too,” Patricia said, laughing in agreement.

“We were easily bored and if the teacher didn’t come to class with a good game plan, they were out of luck.”

Though they had become friends during school hours, they did not have the opportunity to socialize after school. They weren’t old enough to drive and with the lack of public transportation and Judith living far back on the opposite side of the river, they often had to return home after school and complete their farm chores or homework.

Judith and Patricia graduated in 1966, along with 360 other students, and both went on to post-secondary studies in the sciences faculty at the University of New Brunswick (UNB). They were in the same faculty, however, they did not have classes together often as they were focusing on different subjects. As their coursework became heavier and their personal lives grew, they began to lose touch.

Patricia went on to marry well-known entomologist and scientist, Jan Volney, in 1970 and moved to Connecticut with him when he received a full scholarship at Yale University. She worked at the Yale School of Medicine to help support her and Jan while he completed his MSF in Forest Ecology. He moved on and completed his Ph.D. in Forest Entomology at the State University of New York when he was offered a teaching position at the University of California – Berkley. He accepted the position, with Patricia's support, and they moved to California where they lived for 10 years. They returned to Canada when he was offered a position with the federal government in Edmonton, where Patricia still lives today.



Seymour Woodlands Nature Preserve

When Judith graduated from UNB, she attended Dalhousie University in Halifax in the College of Pharmacy. This path, she said, was to make her a better candidate for veterinary school. Back in the 1970’s, few women were accepted into veterinary medicine, especially in Atlantic Canada. Judith, who was in the top of her class, would apply to veterinary school for 14 years and would only receive one interview. This led to her career as a pharmacist.

She went on to live in Edmundston to work on her bilingualism and then to Bathurst before moving back to Estey’s Bridge, where she found work at Devon Pharmacy. Judith eventually purchased the pharmacy and has lived in the village ever since.

**Nature appreciation in their blood**

Both Patricia and Judith grew up with an appreciation for nature and land conservation. Patricia’s parents were involved with science and aware of pollution and land and water degradation, which they would discuss openly with their children.



“We were always brought up with it and it was something that was always important to my family and always talked about,” said Patricia. “My family was the type of family where you sat down for dinner and all these things were discussed. It was just part of our lives.”

Patricia's mother, Margaret (Coburn) Cameron, was from Keswick Ridge and was one of six children and a 9th direct generation member of the well-known apple farming family, the Coburns’, who have inhabited the Keswick Ridge region for well over 200 years.

Margaret Coburn Cameron Woods Nature Preserve

Patricia would visit her grandmother on the farm every Sunday and remembers her sisters and her mother exploring the land often. She credits her mother for instilling a deep love of nature in her upbringing.

“She absolutely loved going through the woods and the orchard,” said Patricia. “She and one of her cousins used to have a contest to see who could find the first of the spring wildflowers; it was something she was always interested in.”

Judith grew up on the Harry Seymour/Stuart Seymour Dairy farm and was always immersed in nature. As the youngest child, she was closest to the land and would explore the woods and come across the toads, turtles and other creatures that called the property home.

“I’ve always been a tree hugger,” said Judith. “I spent a lot of my childhood either wandering the woods or, later on when I had a horse, riding the trails.”

The Seymour’s have lived in Estey’s Bridge since the late 19th century. Judith’s grandfather built a house and dairy farm near the preserve property when he and her grandmother married and it was there that they raised four children. Judith’s father took over the farm and raised her and her brother to be hard workers, while her mother, a teacher, always put a strong emphasis on good education.

When her father retired from farming, he sold part of the dairy farm and left the woodlot to Judith and her brother. When her brother, a forester by trade, moved out west, he left her to care and watch over the woodlot.





## ***Conserving their families legacy***

Judith is currently the last generation of Seymour's left on the original property. When she returned to Estey's Bridge, in part to watch over her aging parents, she built a house beside the woodlot. After they passed, the woodlot remained still and undisturbed. That, she said, is when she began to think about life's finite state and how she could properly honour her family.

"My father and my grandfather were really good stewards [of the land]. They cut wood selectively, there was no clear cutting that went on here because the land, the forest, is what supported our family in times when the other crops didn't do well," said Judith.

"So, I began to think about it, four or five years ago, that life is finite and really, to honour my parents and grandparents, I began to look at a way to preserve the property so that young people can find a place to walk along a path or a trail."

Judith began to explore organizations that accepted land donations and were in line with her vision for the property. She wanted the property to have the same meaning to others that it meant to her; to offer a quiet, serene place to think or slow down or to get away from the city. After searching online, she came across the Nature Trust and began the process of donating the Seymour Woodlands Nature Preserve.

"I took walks and came across a lot of wildlife [in the woodlot] and those opportunities are rare. This property will only have footpaths and nothing else and will stay undeveloped," said Judith.

Prior to moving to California, Patricia and Jan planned to settle down in Keswick Ridge. Property along the Kee Road had been subdivided and available for sale and they became interested in purchasing a five-acre and 11-acre piece located beside each other, which were home to rare plant species. After a back and forth discussion with the landowner and after other potential buyers dropped out, they were able to acquire both pieces.

Because of Jan's career opportunities nationally and internationally, they were unable to build a home and live on their beloved property. Although they would visit often when they returned to New Brunswick, it was Margaret who would become a steward to the property. She was an avid amateur naturalist and knew much about the forest plants of the Keswick Ridge area. She would pay regular visits to the woods to walk through and look at the flowers and could be seen traversing through the property, right up until she passed away at 93 years of age in 2015.

After Margaret had passed, Patricia and Jan had to make a decision on what to do with their property.

Their son did not express any interest in the land and after canceling a potential sale, they reached out to the Nature Trust and to begin the memorial donation of the Margaret Coburn Cameron Woods Nature Preserve, which was finalized in early 2018.

"We named the preserve after my mother because she loved the land so much, and we wanted it to be a tribute to her," said Patricia.

## ***Reconnecting***

"Well, I didn't do anything [at first]," Patricia said. The first email Renata had sent out came at a bad time for both women.

Jan, Patricia's husband of 47 years, had recently passed away and she was in the process of re-establishing her life, while Judith was helping with some of the community issues that Estey's Bridge faced. Renata sent out a second email after not hearing from them, which Patricia responded to immediately, curious about which Judith it was.

"All she would say is Judith this, Judith that, and I said, 'I went to school with several Judiths, so which one is it?'," said Patricia. "I replied, and Judy gave me her phone number, so I phoned her."

It had been 50 years since they had last spoke, but it felt as if they had talked just yesterday.

Patricia and Judith have been in regular contact with one another ever since. In August, Patricia and her son drove to New Brunswick to attend the grand opening of her donated property, which was held the same weekend as the Coburn family reunion. Judith was able to attend the opening and the two were happily reunited.

Neither Patricia nor Judith are surprised about each other's land donations, knowing of their upbringings and given both of their appreciation of nature.

"Until I heard about Pat, I really didn't personally know anyone else who had made such a donation," said Judith. "Some family and friends have suggested that I could have made a better choice for the property or perhaps sold it. Others with whom I have shared the news think it is a great idea, good for our community as well as providing an opportunity for others to enjoy the country and woodland experience. Yes, I could have sold it, but the reality is that I don't feel like I'm going to need the income to live out my years and I prefer the choice I made."

"I think when people see opportunities to explore and see the value of it, then they will start to understand why it is important."

The Grand Opening of the Seymour Woodlands Nature Preserve will be taking place on **Saturday October 13, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** after the 2018 Annual General Meeting. More details can be found on page 12.

**Thank you to the following funders for their support of the Margaret Coburn Cameron Woods Nature Preserve:**  
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**STEWARDSHIP  
GROUPS:**

# **THE MAGIC OF GRINDSTONE ISLAND**

**BY: MELANIE SHAW,  
LEAD STEWARD OF THE FRIENDS  
OF GRINDSTONE ISLAND**



## PRESERVE INFORMATION:

As a small child, I had a fascination with Grindstone Island. Growing up in Hillsborough, we would head to Fundy for family vacations and I would often find myself staring at the island, completely mesmerised. I knew one day I would get there.

In 2015, I was on Facebook and came across a page called “Friends of Grindstone Island”. I was so excited to see that I wasn’t alone in my passion for the island. I learned that the island, and its resident populations of migratory birds, were protected through a conservation easement held by the Nature Trust of New Brunswick and monitored by a group of volunteer stewards who worked with the Nature Trust, called the “Friends of Grindstone Island”.

I was given the opportunity to join the stewardship group on a monitoring trip to the island in 2016. I couldn’t believe I was finally going to get there. We left from Harvey dam on zodiac boats with the Tri-County Ground Search and Rescue. The waters around the island are known to be quite rough, so we were happy to be in the zodiacs. When we first arrived onto the island, I was hit with the quiet, untouched peacefulness.

We worked hard that weekend, completing a botanical inventory, cleaning up garbage and marine debris, and surveying the birds who were still present after the breeding season. I’ve been involved in the group ever since.

I am now fortunate enough to be the lead Steward of the Friends of Grindstone Island and coordinated a recent monitoring trip to the island at the end of August.

The Friends of Grindstone Island work throughout the year to spread awareness about the easement, the migratory birds populations, and the natural history of the island. We set up information booths at events in the Greater Moncton Area, such as the Sportsmen show and the Dieppe Market to talk to people about the conservation of the island and the work the Nature Trust does. We also sell tickets for trips to the island, with permission, where all money goes to the Nature Trust.

If you have ever had the thought to get involved with a conservation group, it is a great opportunity to become closer to our natural spaces. We welcome everyone to join the Friends of Grindstone Island and get involved!

***\*It is important to note that visits to the island require written permission from the Nature Trust and all visits are prohibited between May 15<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup> to protect the nesting populations of migratory birds which include great blue herons, black-backed gulls, double-crested cormorants, and others. The purpose of the conservation easement and the stewardship group are to protect this important bird habitat.***

For more information, contact our Stewardship Coordinator, Bethany Young at [bethany.young@ntnb.org](mailto:bethany.young@ntnb.org) or 506-457-2398.



A MAJORITY OF GRINDSTONE ISLAND IS OWNED BY THE ANGLICAN CHURCH, PARISH OF SACKVILLE, AND IS MANAGED BY THE NATURE TRUST THROUGH A CONSERVATION EASEMENT. IT COVERS SLIGHTLY MORE THAN **20 HECTARES (48 ACRES)** AND IS LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE TO SHEPODY BAY.



GRINDSTONE ISLAND HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS AN **ECOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT AREA (ESA)** MAINLY DUE TO ITS IMPORTANCE AS NESTING AND/OR FEEDING GROUNDS FOR A VARIETY OF BIRD SPECIES. THE ISLAND IS ALSO DESIGNATED AS AN **IMPORTANT BIRD AREA (IBA)** AND ONE OF CANADA'S **37 RAMSAR APPOINTED SITES**.

Thank you to the following funders for their support of our 2018 Stewardship Efforts:

- New Brunswick Wildlife Trust Fund
- New Brunswick Environmental Trust Fund
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- Crane Mountain Enhancement
- Habitat Stewardship Program - Citizen Science Training
- EcoAction
- Gosling Foundation
- Fluor
- McInnes Cooper

## FALL 2018 EVENTS:

### 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We will be having our next Annual General Meeting on **Saturday October 13, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the Estey's Bridge Community Centre (1388 Route 620, Estey's Bridge, E3A 6K6). Join us as we discuss our plans and vote on decisions that will influence our upcoming year.

#### Agenda:

- Approval of Agenda
- Minutes of 2017 Annual General Meeting
- Business arising from minutes
- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report and selection of Auditor for 2019
- Committee Reports
- Nominations and Election of New Trustees
- Executive Director Report
- Other Business
- Adjournment

The Annual General Meeting will end with the Grand Opening of the **Seymour Woodlands Nature Preserve**, which includes a guided hike through the preserve from **2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Participants are asked to meet at the Estey's Bridge Community Centre, where we will then proceed to the nature preserve.

To register for the AGM and/or the grand opening, contact Bethany at [bethany.young@ntnb.org](mailto:bethany.young@ntnb.org) or by calling (506) 457-2398.

### CONSERVATION ON CANVAS FINAL EXHIBITION

Join us as we open up the last Conservation on Canvas exhibit at Government House in Fredericton. Learn how artist Michael McEwing began his journey with the Nature Trust and the importance of merging land conservation and art, while viewing his stunning paintings of 33 of our nature preserves. **More details to come**, for more information contact Bethany Young at [bethany.young@ntnb.org](mailto:bethany.young@ntnb.org) or (506) 457-2398.

**Thank you to our exhibit sponsors:**  
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## PARTNER PROFILE:



Over the past three years, TD has been a generous sponsor of many Nature Trust projects, including Stewardship Group Training Workshops, which have helped establish and support 26 stewardship groups made up of keen volunteers who monitor nature preserves across the province.

TD has also been a participating exhibit sponsor of the Conservation on Canvas traveling exhibition, enabling the Nature Trust, in partnership with the New Brunswick Museum, to tour Michael McEwing's 33 oil paintings of nature preserves to museums and galleries in Saint John, Florenceville-Bristol, St. Andrews, Grand Manan, and Fredericton (November 2018), all in the last year.

The TD Friends of the Environment Foundation initiative, TD Tree Days, along with the Maritime College of Forest Technology, has chosen the **Margaret Coburn Cameron Woods Nature Preserve**, located in Keswick Ridge, to be the location of their next tree planting and restoration event, which will take place on **Saturday October 13, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Those who would like to register and plant trees or help with more intensive restoration can contact Cheyenne Currie at [cheyenne.currie@ntnb.org](mailto:cheyenne.currie@ntnb.org) or by calling (506) 457-2398.





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## BEFORE YOU GO:



## CONSERVE OUR NB:

We have received over **1,600** signatures in support for a **17%** provincial land conservation target. **816** of these signatures were submitted to the provincial legislature and tabled by Green Party Leader David Coon.

**Only 4.6% of New Brunswick land** is protected from development and exploitation that could harm and damage wildlife. Currently, the Green Party and the New Democratic Party (NDP) of New Brunswick have committed to the 17% land conservation target in their campaign platforms for the upcoming provincial election. The Liberal Party of New Brunswick announced a plan to increase protected land from 4.6% to 10%, while the Progressive Conservative Party and the People's Alliance Party did not include land conservation commitments in their platform. Please ask your region's electoral candidates where they stand on land conservation in New Brunswick this September.

**Thank you to the Gosling Foundation** for their financial support of this project.

## WETLANDS: A NEW BRUNSWICK GUIDE

Our **bilingual** guide about New Brunswick wetlands is now available in print and online! This guide is for New Brunswick residents with wetlands on or bordering their property who want to learn about and help protect the wetlands.

You can find the guides online on our website or, if you would like to order printed copies, contact Carli at [carli.leroux@ntnb.org](mailto:carli.leroux@ntnb.org).

**Thank you to the New Brunswick Environmental Trust Fund** for their financial support of this project.

## LG AWARDS: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Do you know an individual or organization that has demonstrated excellence in land conservation in our province? Nominations for the 2018 Lieutenant-Governor's Award for Excellence in Land Conservation are open until **Monday October 1, 2018**.

If you are interested in nominating a group or individual or looking for more information, visit our website or contact Danielle Andrus at [danielle.andrus@ntnb.org](mailto:danielle.andrus@ntnb.org).

## PLANNED GIVING: LEAVING A LEGACY

Have you been considering how to leave your legacy or are you interested in learning more about how to donate land, give gifts by a will, or other options? Please contact Renata Woodward, Executive Director at (506) 457-2398 or [renata.woodward@ntnb.org](mailto:renata.woodward@ntnb.org) for more information.



# UNTIL NEXT TIME:



This summer, we sadly said "until next time" to two of our full-time staff members, who are off on their next journey.

**Richelle Martin** had been with the Nature Trust for over **six** years, first as a Stewardship intern and then as our **Stewardship Coordinator** and **Stewardship Manager**. She is currently attending law school at the University of Ottawa, focusing in Environmental Law.

**Kelsey Hogan** had been with the Nature Trust for over **two** years, first as an **Engagement Assistant** and more recently as our **Engagement Organizer**. She accepted a position with the Loren Scholarship Foundation as Program Coordinator and has moved to Toronto. **Cheyenne Currie** will take Kelsey's place as our Engagement Organizer.

We thank Richelle and Kelsey for their dedication to our organization and wish them both the best of luck in their future endeavours!

We would also like to thank our temporary summer staff, Wynn Rederburg, Zaneta Sedilekova, Kordell Walsh, and Christine Ziegler for all of their hard work and contributions to the team.

**YOURS IN CONSERVATION,**  
THE NATURE TRUST OF NEW BRUNSWICK

# IN MEMORIAM:



The Nature Trust mourns the loss of Owen Washburn, an avid birder, naturalist, and well-known environmentalist who passed away at the age of 79 on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 in Fredericton.

Owen played a very active role in many conservation, education, and community groups and initiatives, including serving as President for the Nature Trust from 1988 to 1991. He and his wife Sheila went on to donate 240 acres of land in Bocabec, which became our Caughey-Taylor Nature Preserve.

Owen's legacy will continue to live on through the mission and values of the Nature Trust as well as through the passion and work of the organization's volunteers, members, board, and staff.

We extend our deepest sympathies to Owen's family.

**PHOTOS:**  
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