



Conserve and Preserve



60+ minutes

Look at the two species above- what do they have in common? Hint: it has nothing to do with their appearance. The animal on the left is a Lynx, the one on the right is a Maritime Ringlet Butterfly. Still don't know? O.K. here is the answer- both are native to New Brunswick and both are [endangered species](#).

Unfortunately, there are many more species at risk in our province despite the abundance and diversity of our natural areas. The list of endangered species will continue to grow, or even worse, some species will become extinct unless we all do our part to **conserve** and **preserve**.

For this lesson, you will learn about an organization called **Nature Trust**. Through their website, you will become more aware of the importance of preserving unprotected land for species at risk and maintaining [biodiversity](#). You will also learn how you can get involved.

Carefully read the instructions below to complete this lesson!

1. Visit the Nature Trust site: <https://www.naturetrust.nb.ca/who-are-we>
2. On the website, please read the information under the tabs, " **Our Story**" and "**Our Work**". Check out the map of N.B. showing the locations of nature preserves. How many are in the Bathurst area?

3. Under the “**News and Events**” tab, click on “**Nature Stories**” and read the article titled,” **A Colourful Scavenger Hunt**”
4. Get outside and go on a ‘nature scavenger hunt’ of your own. Pick a spot where you can go for a short walk, such as one of the city trails or any spot that gets you in touch with nature. Walk slowly then stop and take the time to carefully observe your surroundings. Close your eyes and listen. Doing this will allow you to you will see and hear many things that you would normally not notice.
5. Write a short report about your scavenger hunt. What did you see and hear? Try to be as descriptive as possible. Share your experience with a few pics if you wish.
6. **Nature Trust** suggests ways to get involved in preserving land and biodiversity. How would **you** get involved? If you can think anything that will help preserve the natural beauty of our province and protect species at risk, let me know!
7. **This is the last Science Home Learning Lesson for Grade 6!**
Thanks to everyone who participated- I hope you had fun. If you did not finish all the lessons, try them over the summer vacation if you wish.

“The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science.” – **Albert Einstein**