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**ONTARIO POWER GENERATION KICKS OFF NEW PARTNERSHIP  
WITH ONTARIO NATURE WITH A WEEKEND OF ACTION AND  
EDUCATION ON BIODIVERSITY**

**May 22<sup>ND</sup> - International Day for Biodiversity**

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> - The Tommy Thompson Park Spring Bird Festival at the Leslie Street  
Spit**

**May 24<sup>th</sup> - International Biodiversity Celebration – Invasive Plant Removal at  
Rouge Park**

Toronto – Ontario Power Generation is partnering with Ontario Nature in a province-wide series of conservation-focused, family-friendly action and education events kicking off May 22nd, International Day for Biodiversity, and featuring the Tommy Thompson Park Spring Bird Festival at the Leslie Street Spit in downtown Toronto and the International Biodiversity Celebration at Rouge Park in Scarborough.

In addition to its support of Ontario Nature, OPG is working with LEAF, and the Bruce Trail Conservancy to sponsor biodiversity events throughout 2009 that make it easy for people to get involved with our environment. These events, “Biodiversity 2009”, build on OPG’s commitment to conserving biodiversity and protecting nature. Since 2000 OPG and its conservation partners have planted more than 3.8 million trees and shrubs on more than 1,850 hectares of land. That’s enough to offset about 2 million tonnes of carbon dioxide over the lifetime of those trees – helping to mitigate climate change.

“We are proud to be working hand-in-hand with these three important organizations to further engage Ontarians in what is a critical mission: the conservation and protection of our environment,” said Cara Clairman, VP, Sustainable Development, OPG. “At OPG, we believe that industry has a role to play in conserving Ontario's biodiversity. Our actions support Ontario's Biodiversity Strategy to conserve nature and protect what sustains us,” she added.

“Ontario Nature is very pleased to be partnering with OPG to provide Ontarians with first-hand opportunities to learn about biodiversity and to actively contribute to its conservation through volunteer projects in natural areas around the province,” said Caroline Schultz, Executive Director of Ontario Nature.

May 23rd, 2009: Tommy Thompson Park Spring Bird Festival at the foot of Leslie Street on the shores of Lake Ontario

The amazing phenomenon of bird migration at Tommy Thompson Park (TTP) is celebrated at this annual event for anyone interested in birds. Highlights will include author of Silence of

the Songbirds, Bridget Stutchbury as a guest bird-a-thoner and speaker, guided hikes all day long with early bird hikes at 7:00, 7:30, 8:00 and 8:30 a.m., live bird banding demonstrations, children's activities and interpretive displays illustrating colonial waterbirds, bird conservation and habitat restoration.

May 24th, 2009: International Biodiversity Celebration – Invasive Plant Removal and Education at Rouge Park, Scarborough

Celebrate the International Day for Biological Diversity in beautiful Rouge Park, Canada's premier urban wilderness park. Highlights will include guided hikes of the Riverside trail and removal of invasive dog-strangling vine. During the hike, Rouge Park stewardship staff will introduce the forest ecosystems that can be found in the park, and provide a lesson on identifying the various tree and plant species. You will also learn about invasive species impact the park's native plant communities.

For further information on these and other upcoming events scheduled as part of Biodiversity 2009, visit [www.opg.com](http://www.opg.com).

Ontario Nature protects wild species and wild spaces through conservation, education and public engagement. Ontario Nature is a charitable organization representing more than 30,000 members and supporters and 140 member groups across Ontario.

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