

You might spot me if you come out to a planting event!



## WHAT IS THE CITY DOING?

The City of Brampton is taking an active role in protecting and enhancing its woodlands through:

- Woodland Conservation By-Law
- Protecting woodlands during development application review
- Restoration projects

Woodland restoration projects are underway at the following locations:

- Massey Park
- Dorchester Park

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

You can help woodlands by participating in tree planting events, picking up litter and staying on designated trails when you decide to visit Brampton's woodlands.

Join Brampton's Grow Green network to learn more about woodlands at [brampton.ca/growgreen](http://brampton.ca/growgreen)

I'm Chirp, a Northern Cardinal, and I'm here to teach you about my woodland home, Massey Park!



# WOODLANDS



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In the winter you can find me drinking the sap from Sugar Maple trees!

**A woodland is an area covered in a high concentration of trees, shrubs, and flowers.**

Woodlands are special places within Brampton's urban forest that provide homes for animals, reduce flooding, and clean and cool the air. Brampton's woodlands are mixed Carolinian forests. This forest zone is mostly made up of broad leaf deciduous trees. The Carolinian forest has more endangered and rare species than any other forest zone in Canada. This zone once had incredible biodiversity and the remaining fragments require our protection from invasive species, pollution and climate change.

## COMMON NATIVE SPECIES

### Plants

- Sugar Maple
- Shagbark Hickory
- Mayapple
- Flowering Dogwood
- Trillium
- American Beech

### Animals

- White-tailed Deer
- Downy Woodpecker
- Opossum
- Eastern Hognose Snake
- Southern Flying Squirrel

## SOME WOODLANDS IN BRAMPTON

- Massey Park
- Dorchester Park
- Heart Lake Conservation Area
- Springdale Forest
- Claireville Conservation Area
- White Spruce Park



Offers recreation opportunities such as hiking, photography and bird watching.



Cleans and stores water which improves water quality and reduces flooding.



Cleans the air and assists with climate change by removing atmospheric carbon dioxide.

## BENEFITS OF WOODLANDS



Cools the air in the summer, reducing the amount of energy required to cool homes.



Reduces stress and anxiety.



Provides habitat for wildlife.

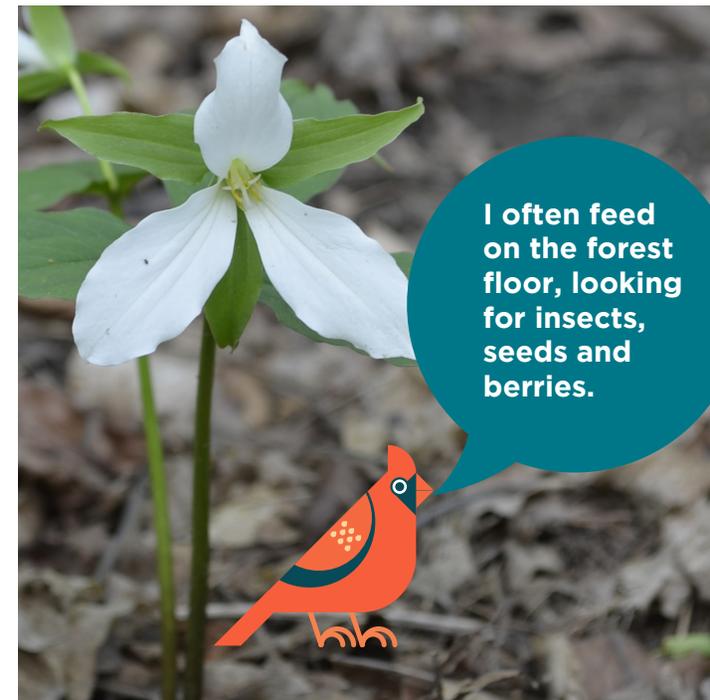
## MYTHS AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS

### *I can walk anywhere in a woodland*

Woodlands are more than just big trees; they are complex ecosystems that support trees, shrubs, flowers and wildlife. Plants on the forest floor, known as the understory, contribute to the overall health of the woodland. To keep these plants healthy, it is important to stay on designated trails. Many people try to create their own paths through the forest, and this can damage the plants on the forest floor so stay on designated trails.

### *It's okay to dump my yard waste into woodlands*

Woodlands generate their own litter, which is used within the ecosystem. Dumping your "natural" waste, such as lawn clippings or raked leaves, will not help, but harm, the woodland ecosystem.



I often feed on the forest floor, looking for insects, seeds and berries.

