

EASTERN LAKE ONTARIO COAST HUDGINS-ROSE PROPERTY



HELP PROTECT AN IMPORTANT PART OF PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY'S HERITAGE

On the south coast of Prince Edward County lies the Hudgins-Rose property – 76 acres (31 hectares) of biologically rich alvar, grassland and wetland habitats that are home to Blanding's turtle, monarch butterflies and the eastern whip-poor-will.

Part of the Prince Edward County South Shore Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA), the property and the south coast generally provides vital staging and stopover habitat for a wide variety of migratory birds. The surrounding area has also provided habitat for a variety of bat species such as the at-risk little brown myotis, big brown bat, hoary bat, and the migratory silver-haired bat and eastern red bat.

This unique landscape has a long human and natural history. Originally settled by the Moses Hudgins family, the property is home to a historic log cabin that dates back to 1865. The Rose family later cared for the land and the building, and their stewardship led to the heritage designation for the cabin. The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) is committed to complying with the heritage by-law, and will work with local groups to maintain the historic building into the future.

The Hudgins-Rose project is a chance to add an important piece to a growing network of conservation lands. The property lies next to the much celebrated and locally-cherished Ostrander Point Crown Land block and is just west of the Prince Edward Point National Wildlife Area (NWA) – an important migratory bird hotspot.

Just a bit further west lies the 490-acre (198-hectare) Miller Family Nature Reserve, owned and stewarded by the Hastings-Prince Edward Land Trust (HPELT), and protected with financial assistance from NCC. NCC and HPELT are committed to working together to protect and care for the Hudgins-Rose property and other lands as part of the Point Petre to Prince Edward Point Conservation Project.

QUICK FACTS

Location: Southeastern Prince Edward County. Approximately 50 km southeast of Belleville and 20 km southeast of Picton, on Ostrander Point Road at Babylon Road.

Habitat type: Alvar, grassland and wetland

Size: 76 acres (31 hectares)

Total project cost: \$258,000

Total left to raise: \$129,000

Species: Harvester butterfly, Appalachian brown butterfly, whip-poor-will, Blanding's turtle, monarch butterfly

PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY SOUTH SHORE

The South Shore peninsula of Prince Edward County has exceptional natural heritage value due to the habitats and species it supports. It is designated as a globally significant Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA).

IBAs are areas that have been identified as globally important for bird conservation using internationally agreed upon scientific criteria.

The south shore of the IBA encompasses about 30 kilometres of shoreline, the only lengthy, undeveloped strip of shoreline remaining in Prince Edward County – indeed, one of the few shorelines of Lake Ontario that has remained undeveloped.

The popularity of Prince Edward County has grown in recent years – and opportunities to acquire undeveloped lands in a network such as this are becoming increasingly rare. NCC, HPELT and our other partners have a rare chance to protect this important mosaic of habitats before it's too late. But we need to act fast.



