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Nature Canada congratulates Samuel LeGresley of Greater Moncton, New Brunswick, as a 2024 Young Nature Leaders Grant recipient

(Unceded Algonquin Territory, Ottawa, August 12, 2024)—Nature Canada’s Women for Nature are proud to celebrate Samuel LeGresley of Greater Moncton, New Brunswick, as a recipient of our 2024 **Young Nature Leaders Grant**. This grant encourages, fosters and nurtures youth to demonstrate their leadership in nature.

Samuel has created a 101 Guide for Wildflower Seed Librarians, replicating a model that was started in Ottawa. The guide was founded on 3 core principles: provide free access to native plant seeds, teach people about gardening responsibly, and ask seed recipients to reciprocate the gift of nature.

Samuel has completed the first iterations of the website this summer, in the form of a nature journal-style blog.

Samuel shared, “The guide called ‘Sharing our Nature’, hosted at wildflowerseeds.org, will not only relate my experiences in starting a seed library in my own community, but will also try to show what works and what doesn’t in well-established WildflowerSeed Library models, such as the one in Ottawa. This will hopefully serve as a springboard for people to help address demand in native seeds, with the goal of lessening the decline in beneficial insect populations.”

Samuel is a Young Nature Leader alongside these other amazing local youth leaders:

- Humza Hassan, Toronto, ON;
- Hayley De Turse, Peterborough, ON
- Abinaya Gnanasekar, Oakville, ON;
- Percy Ager, Cape Breton, NS;
- Luke Nguyen, Ajax, ON;

“It brings me great hope and happiness to see these young people taking leadership in their local communities to help and heal nature,” says the Honourable Rosa Galvez, Honorary Chair of Nature Canada’s Women for Nature program. “Through their actions

and advocacy, young Canadians across the country are creating a cleaner and brighter tomorrow," declares Galvez.

The **Young Nature Leaders Grant** began in 2017 to empower youth to develop and implement a youth-led, community-based project centered around nature and sustainability in Canada. This year's recipients join an impressive list of previous recipients with unique and complementary ideas.

Related Links:

[Recipients of the 2023 Young Nature Leaders Grant](#)

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Nature Canada was founded in 1939 because of the passion and initiative of Mabel Frances Whittemore, a teacher and nature lover whose main goal in life was to share her passion for nature with others. Today, Nature Canada represents a network of over 175,000 members and supporters and more than 1200 nature organizations across the country. Over the past 85 years, Nature Canada has helped protect more than 110 million acres of parks and wildlife areas in Canada and countless species that depend on this habitat and connected hundreds of thousands of Canadians - especially children - with nature through its activities.

[About Women For Nature](#)

Nature Canada's signature "Women for Nature" initiative raises awareness about the need to connect more Canadians of all ages to nature. Our members champion efforts to inspire youth and families to spend time in nature, to learn and experience our natural heritage and in doing so, ensure the health and well-being of our Canadian society.