



NEWS RELEASE

Nature Canada congratulates Aidan Williams Dale of Brampton, Ontario, as a 2025 Young Nature Leaders Grant recipient

(Unceded Algonquin Territory, Ottawa, August 12, 2025)—Nature Canada's *Women for Nature* are proud to celebrate Aidan Williams Dale of Brampton, Ontario, as a recipient of our 2025 **Young Nature Leaders Grant**. This grant encourages, fosters and nurtures youth to demonstrate their leadership in nature.

Aidan is connecting children and the public with reptile and amphibian conservation through curriculum-based workshops in Brampton, Ontario. Combining hands-on learning and citizen science, the initiative will focus on Ontario's turtle nesting season, a critical time when native species face high road mortality while migrating to lay their eggs.

The workshops will teach participants how to assist turtles safely, respond to wildlife emergencies, and contribute to local conservation efforts. Aidan has created fully painted, 3D-printed turtle models to support the road safety and handling portion of the training. The workshop will be available to the public to try at the Heart Lake Turtle Troopers Family Fun Night on July 22, where Aidan's company will host a booth. He is also collaborating with MAPEI Canada to produce a video showcasing the project's impact.

"My goal for this grant is to promote citizen science with students and the general public," Aidan shares. "Through a multifaceted workshop bringing awareness to the conservation of native ecology, we will focus on the nesting season of Ontario's native turtles who are migrating through vulnerable areas and experiencing higher rates of road mortality to lay their eggs."

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

- Wendy Ihama of St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador
- Mehvish Khanam of Scarborough, Ontario

- Megan Castelino of Thorold, Ontario
- Jasmin Skinner of London, Ontario
- Kaite Martin of Kimberley, British Columbia

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.

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[Recipients of the 2025 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.

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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.