

# WILDLIFE

## Despite the concrete sprawl, we have plenty of it

By NANCY ENRIGHT  
Wildlife and fish species are abundant in Mississauga and can be firmly established despite the city's concrete urban sprawl, according to Al Wainio of the Ontario Department of Natural Resources.

"The river ravines and other valleys, as yet undeveloped, harbor many forms of wildlife," Wainio says.

"In the Credit River ravines near Erindale, large mammals such as deer are flourishing."

Small mammals such as rabbits, chipmunks and

squirrels, along with songbirds, are nesting and breeding in river valleys, bushy fencerows and the remaining woodlots in Mississauga, he says.

"To the north of Mississauga, foxes and brush wolf are living and I wouldn't be surprised if they sometimes travel south into the area."

Wainio maintains it is possible to harmonize suburban and industrial development with existing natural wildlife habitats.

"Wildlife and fish species can be accommodated without upsetting the growth

of development, if the ravines, valleys and streams flowing into the Credit are reserved as green belt areas."

Instead of letting the streams deteriorate into ditches or be bulldozed over, Wainio suggests that shrubbery be added so that they can better act as narrow corridors for birds and mammals.

"Many mammals can adapt to life close to humans and the noise of the city, but it is necessary that developers build around streams and the few remaining woodlots in

Mississauga," he says.

"The presence of natural fauna and flora in their wild state enriches human existence and it is imperative that the necessary terrestrial and aquatic habitats be preserved."

Fish species, such as rainbow trout, salmon and even lake trout could be reintroduced and established off the Mississauga waterfront with proper stocking and enrichment of stream and lake habitats, Wainio says.

"Rainbow trout have been known to enter the Credit River and the spectacular

run of coho salmon in the fall of 1974 revealed to many people the potential of this beautiful river for spawning runs of migratory fish."

Salmon, rainbow trout or brown trout would flourish in the Credit River, if the fish were able to swim to suitable spawning waters.

"Currently, the river's potential is being held up by the old decrepit dams in Streetsville which the fish cannot get by."

The Credit River is "remarkably clean, particularly from Georgetown up, and has ideal trout

waters," according to Wainio.

Wainio is hopeful the planning committees of Peel Region and the City of Mississauga will act to preserve the area's natural settings for a variety of wildlife and fish.

"Residents should be encouraged to grow shrubbery to help attract and retain Mississauga's wildlife," he suggests.

Wainio will be opening his monthly City Wilderness series at Burnhamthorpe Library on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m.



### Snow capers

It took a lot of doing, but these Mississauga youngsters managed to gather enough snow to build a 10-foot snowman in the backyard of a home at 400 Bloor St. W. From left, Roy Hines, 12, David Hines 7, and Andrea Smith 9, who is a Mississauga Times carrier.

### House-price policy puzzles city staffers

A city staff member had admitted before Ontario Municipal Board that he doesn't know how Mississauga council intends to administer a policy that would make developers indicate housing prices when they register their lands.

"I don't know how they would administer it and I don't honestly think council knows either," said Andrew Adamson, director of development control.

Adamson was being cross-examined this week by a lawyer for Ture-Anderson Ltd. during a hearing concerning property in Lorne Park.

The planner's comments on the policy, passed earlier this year by council to at-

### GOODS STOLEN

A 45-foot trailer full of refrigerators, dishwashers, stoves and freezers has been stolen from the Kuhne and Nagel warehouses on Northwest Dr. in Malton.

Police believe a tractor was backed up to the trailer and the shipment was towed away.

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In a newly proposed policy, James Crozier, social services commissioner for Peel, will award funerals to local funeral homes on an equal rotation basis, providing the charges for standard funerals remain the same.

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