



ECO Champions Contest 2026

We're Back!

Thanks to the Merrickville Lions Club, the Merrickville Public Library, the Municipality of Merrickville-Wolford, and all our sponsors, we are ready to get started on this year's contest.

The 2026 contest is open to Merrickville-Wolford area young people. Submissions from classes, individuals and groups will need to be completed and submitted by May 23, 2026.

The Merrickville Bug Lady, Andrea Howard, is, again, available to introduce this year's ECO Champions contest to youth groups and schools.

Contestants will select a local species-at-risk from our list of seventeen.

In their submission, they will explain:

- Why the species was chosen.
- Why it is at risk.
- What needs to be done to help it survive here in Merrickville-Wolford?

Reminders for 2026:

We have seventeen local species-at-risk on our list!

We love seeing your "build and planting projects."

Contestants can submit reports on individual or group projects that involve the preservation or protection of their favourite species-at-risk. For example: videos or pictures of them planting butternut trees, creating a butterfly garden, or building a turtle box can be submitted as their presentation to be judged.

We look forward to presenting lots of "medals of excellence", certificates, and other ECO Champions awards on June 6, 2026 at our ECO Champions awards event.

Watch for updates to the ECO Champions contest in the Merrickville Phoenix and species' specific information on our website: www.ecochampions.ca