

# Endangered Species, Species at Risk and Butternut Trees

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More than 200 species of plants and animals are at risk of disappearing from Ontario. The Endangered Species Act is a provincial Act provides legal protection to species classified as endangered or threatened. It also protects the habitat of endangered or threatened species. The Act establishes timelines for producing strategies and plans to recover at-risk species, provides tools to help reduce the impact of human activity on species and their habitats as well as tools to encourage protection and recovery activities. The official Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) list is provided in Ontario Regulation 230/08. Endangered or threatened species found in the Whitby area include Butternut trees, discussed in more detail below.

Additional resources and guidelines related to Species at Risk are available here:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/species-risk-guides-and-resources>

A link to the Endangered Species in Ontario list is available here:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/species-risk-ontario>

## Butternut (*Juglans cinerea*)

**Butternut (*Juglans cinerea*, L.)** is an endangered species protected under Ontario's Endangered Species Act. Butternuts and their habitat are protected and may not be removed without authorization issued under the Act unless assessed as "non-retainable" by a Butternut Health Assessor designated by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests (OMNRF). This Act is available on the Government of Ontario website at

<http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/07e06/vs>

Consultation with OMNRF is required where activities may impact a butternut, or any other Threatened or Endangered Species at Risk. A permit to injure or remove a butternut tree must be obtained from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

A link to OMNRF is here: <https://www.ontario.ca/mnroffices>

Additional information about butternut trees is available here:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/butternut-trees-your-property>

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/butternut-species-risk>

Ontario Regulation 242/08 is available here:

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/080242#BK35>

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