



Wolf Lake landscape - unaffected by past smelter emissions

Why we need to Help

Wildlife species, from lowly ants to timber wolves, need food, water and shelter to survive. These requirements define a species' habitat. Every species' habitat is different; porcupines don't live in cattail marshes and mallard ducks don't live in spruce forests.

Some larger species, like moose, need different habitats depending on the season.

Wildlife habitat is largely defined by the types of plant communities in an area. In turn, the plant communities depend on conditions like moisture, shade and soil types.

As a result, the landscape is like a quilt of different habitat patches.

Greater Sudbury's barrens used to be covered by large patches of spruce and pine forests so it's only natural that nature wants to return the barrens to these types of forests.

But that could take centuries.

There are a number of things we can do to help nature along.