

Butternut Tree

Protecting species-at-risk

What is Kawartha Conservation doing to protect the butternut tree?

We use our conservation areas across the Kawartha Conservation watershed for butternut tree planting projects as a way to re-establish lost butternut trees in our region. Our team monitors and maintains the trees for five years after planting to ensure their healthy growth and survival.



Between 2018 - 2023, Kawartha Conservation completed **eight butternut tree planting projects** at:

- Durham East Cross Forest
- Pigeon River Headwaters Conservation Area
- Windy Ridge Conservation Area

Resulting in the planting of:

435 butternut trees and 560 companion trees

How can you help protect the butternut tree?

Learn how to identify a **butternut tree** and symptoms of **butternut canker** (fungal disease).

Avoid transporting firewood to reduce the spread of butternut canker, other tree diseases, and invasive species.

Contact the **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry** for more information on butternut trees on your property. They can help you determine if your tree is protected and if it is healthy enough for seed collection or research.

