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Dear Supporter,

Spring has sprung, and the weather isn't the only thing that is changing - we have updated our newsletter format! Keep scrolling to see this month's newsletter!



Do you have data to share?

CPAWS NL is collecting inshore and coastal data for our Special Marine Areas Data Hub, which will be released September 2022! Spatial data is an integral part of conservation planning, and allows planners to understand the best ways in which humans and the environment can coexist. Unfortunately Newfoundland & Labrador has a data deficit, particularly along coastal and inshore areas. We need your help to fill those gaps – with research and academic studies, local knowledge, and experiences and photos. If you, or anyone you know, would like to contribute data, information, or media (photos or videos) to the project, please contact our Ocean Manager at mbickford@cpaws.org.



Nature Feature: Eastern White Pine

Found across southern Canada and in insular Newfoundland south of the Northern Peninsula, the white pine is the longest lived of our native conifers, aging up to 450 years. White pine is moderately shade intolerant and usually needs fire to regenerate, although blister rust has considerably reduced survival in recent history.

Blister rust is an exotic disease that kills white pine of all ages. The fungus first attacks the needles in the fall and many tiny yellow dots appear on the needles the following spring. Over the next year or two, the fungus spreads toward the branches and trunk. In mid-summer, orange pustules develop on the bole and exude a liquid containing a first type of spores. These spores cause white blisters to form on the bark and the white fruiting bodies give rise to a canker that keeps growing. The mortality of the infected upper part causes the branch or stem to break and provides a point of entry for the decay fungus.

Share your thoughts!

Do you have any great stories about experiences in nature, environmental events or other topics that you would like to see published on our blog or newsletter? Have any thoughts or ideas about the new newsletter format? Pitch your ideas to us at csimmons@cpaws.org!

As always, feel free to reach out with any questions or issues that you many have. Send us an [email](#), give us a call at 709-726-5800, or [visit our website](#) to find out how to [volunteer](#) or make a [donation](#). Also, if you're interested in keeping up to date on what's new and exciting at CPAWS-NL follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#) for regular updates.

All the best,

CPAWS Newfoundland and Labrador Team

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