



FRIENDS of  
*Laurier Woods*  
To Preserve Laurier Woods for Future Generations

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Friends of Laurier Woods Hosts Nature Festival**

The Friends of Laurier Woods, a non-profit charitable organization, is pleased to once again host the **Annual Louise de Kiriline Lawrence Nature Festival** to be held at the Laurier Woods Conservation Area **Saturday, August 20, 10am – 3pm.**

**Organized in conjunction with the Nipissing Naturalists** and the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority, and delivered by community volunteers and businesses this festival celebrates North Bay's beautiful natural heritage. Laurier Woods Conservation Area comes alive with professional and amateur naturalists who will introduce guests of all ages to the hidden treasures of forests and wetlands. Included in the days activities are **Build a Pollinator Home** with the North Bay- Mattawa Conservation Authority, **Plants & berries identification** with Lori Beckerton, **Birding Hike** with Rachel Sturge, **Dragonflies & butterflies Hike** with Brent Turcotte and Mary Ann Perron, **the history of plants on Planet Earth in 4 plants** with Fred Pinto, , **Tree Bingo**, and **Dinosaur eggs for youth**. Friends of Laurier Woods will also be recognizing Caisse Alliance and Tourism North Bay for their generous donations at around 10.30 am. Bring along your empty bottles/cans to contribute to 8 year-old Peter Silver's collection for new boardwalks at Laurier Woods. The festival is **free** for all to attend. For more details visit [www.laurierwoods.com](http://www.laurierwoods.com).

Louise de Kiriline Lawrence, an internationally renowned naturalist, author and nurse, lived west of Mattawa where she studied wildlife and ornithology. She wrote over 500 reviews, 17 scientific papers, and 5 books on birds and animals and contributed regularly to Audubon Magazine. Lawrence passed away at the age of 98 in 1992. Her written work is stored in the National Archives in Ottawa.

The Friends of Laurier Woods was established as a volunteer body to manage the area as a nature preserve; to develop an interpretive trail system, boardwalks, viewing platforms, and rest areas; and to promote the area for low-impact, day-use recreation. The Laurier Woods Conservation Area is owned and managed in partnership with the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority.

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