



JANUARY 16

Bats as Beings

New discoveries about bats suggest we need to think more deeply about these mammals. **Brock Fenton**, professor Emeritus at Western University's Biology Department, will discuss bats' long (for their size) life spans — over 30 years in the wild — to the distances they travel, as well as their resistance to many viral infections.

JANUARY 23

Building bird-friendly communities in London

Birds in the city are struggling to coexist alongside people. Dangerous interactions with pets and feral cats, loss of habitat, and collisions with windows are common threats to birds that everybody can do something about. **Brendon Samuels**, a Western Biology PhD candidate, will tell us about simple actions to support our relationships with birds and the urban spaces we share.

JANUARY 30

Some bugs suck! Why the insects in your garden have a drinking problem

Even pest insects work hard to stay alive, especially on a liquid diet. **Brent Sinclair**, a Western Biology Professor will introduce us to the insects around London that get all their food from liquids, explain why that's a challenge, and the extraordinary adaptations that help them get away with it.

FEBRUARY 6

London's Naturals

Always looking for a good story and adventure, **Emily "Ranger Em" Febrey**, a local conservation educator and communicator, will share some of her favourite local adventures and the people and organizations that inspire her along her journey.

FEBRUARY 13

London's Secretive Wildlife: Challenges Faced by Reptiles and Amphibians

London is home to many rare and common wildlife species including some of the most at-risk reptiles in Canada. **Scott Gillingwater**, a Species At Risk Biologist with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, will discuss the impact of a growing city on reptiles and amphibians and how we can all help to ensure their survival.

FEBRUARY 20

Naturally Western

Western University's Manager of Landscape Services, **Michael Lunau** will talk about the natural beauty of Western's grounds, how they are maintained and take us on a virtual tour to show us what we can see when we visit.

Nature in the City
January 16 – February 20
7–8:30 pm

Wolf Performance Hall
251 Dundas St. London
519-661-4600

There is no charge for this event. Seating is limited. People are seated on a first come, first served basis. We suggest early arrival for good seating. Families are welcome!

The mission of Nature in the City is to contribute to the preservation and enjoyment of nature. Let's do this together by sharing information and stimulating an interest in the natural world around us.

*2 hours free validated parking in Citi Plaza during Library hours



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