

## Nature Trust featured in Endangered Perspective Series

Over the last month eco-journalist Zack Metcalfe has featured three Nature Trust properties across Nova Scotia in The Chronicle Herald's Endangered Perspective. Read more about each of them below.

### Nova Scotia's 100 Wild Islands home to incredible biodiversity

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The 100 Wild Islands on Nova Scotia's Eastern Shore actually consist of more than 282, congregating between Ship and Sheet harbours. Nova Scotia Nature Trust

Little more than a decade ago, a chain of some 282 islands off our province's Eastern Shore came to the attention of the Nova Scotia Nature Trust, in part because they were complete unknowns, ecologically speaking.

The sciences simply hadn't been done for these collective 7,000 acres and with a few exceptions, they appeared mostly untouched. But this charity was still young, collecting naturally significant properties and holding them in trust for future generations. A study of this entire archipelago simply wasn't in their budget and so, for the time being, they moved on.

Read the full story [here](#).

### Purcells Cove's elegance uncovered

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Trails that cut through Purcells Cove offer residents a great opportunity to explore the area. (Zack Metcalfe)

I never lived in a city before Halifax, needing always to be within walking distance of the wild and that's something urban life simply couldn't offer, not like the Confederation Trail in rural P.E.I. or the uncleared lots of farm country Ontario. But Halifax surprised me, because my house hunt took me to Purcells Cove and, consequently, the Purcells Cove Conservation Lands.

Read the full story [here](#).

# PHOTOS: The past and promise of Hemlock Hill

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## Walking the Cathedrals of St. Mary's River

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**Hiking through Hemlock Hill gives the unique ability to hike through nature and experience relatively young species of foliage.**

Oh, what our forests must have looked like a few hundred years ago, before the blossoming of industry removed their oldest aspects and encouraged a permanent youth in the trees across our province. It teases the imagination how tall they must have stood back in the day, or could stand again if given a few centuries of peace and quiet. By mid-January these daydreams left me no choice but to see old growth in person, to track down one of the ecological scraps mercifully overlooked in our pursuit of good lumber.

Read the full story [here](#).