WELCOME TO PORTUGAL COVE - ST. PHILIP'S

RIPARIAN HABITAT

Management Units

The Town of Portugal Cove - St. Philip's and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador signed a MUNICIPAL HABITAT STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENT in June 2015. This agreement seeks to conserve important habitat for wildlife, known as Management Units. The MU's within the Town of Portugal Cove - St. Philip's cover approximately 919.8 acres of habitat and include Voisey's Brook, Blast Hole Ponds and several local rivers and streams.

Broad Cove; Photo by Wildlife Division staff

There are three Management Units in Portugal Cove - St. Philip's that include the riparian buffers around three of the major outlets, runoff rivers and streams which run into the eastern side of Conception Bay. They include the stream and tributaries running from Western Pond and Millers Pond into Portugal Cove; the stream running into Conception Bay from Beachy Cove Ponds; and the stream running into Broad Cove from Little Power's Pond and Barking Kettle Pond.

Riparian buffers are strips of untouched vegetation occurring between upland areas and wetlands, lakes, rivers, ponds and streams. They are composed of trees, shrubs, grasses, cattails and sedges and are important for wildlife as "corridors" for travel, protection from predators, and a safe haven against inclement weather.

The Town of Portugal Cove - St. Philip's is a leader in wildlife conservation in a chain of committed partners across North America. In eastern Canada, this partnership is known as the Eastern Habitat Joint Venture (EHJV).

Explore the Wildlife Diversity of Portugal Cove - St. Philip's Rivers and Streams

Waterfowl:
American Black Duck
Canada Goose
Common Goldeneye
Common Loon
Green-winged Teal
Long-tailed Duck
Mallard Duck
Red-breasted Merganser
Ring-necked Duck
Wood Duck

Other bird species:
Bald Eagle
Black-capped Chickadee
Blue Jay
Cedar Waxwing
Common Redpoll
Dark-eyed Junco
Northern Goshawk
Pine Grosbeak
White-throated Sparrow
Yellow Warbler

Plant species:
Blue Flag Iris
Bog Laurel
Cattail
Labrador Tea
Larch
Leatherleaf
Meadow Rue
Mountain Alder
Pitcher Plant
Sweet Gale

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