

May: Illinois Nature News

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Meet New Illinois Leadership: Georgie Geraghty

Last month, we welcomed our new Executive Director Georgie Geraghty. She brings 25 years of experience and a bright vision focused on nature-based solutions and climate resiliency in the Midwest.

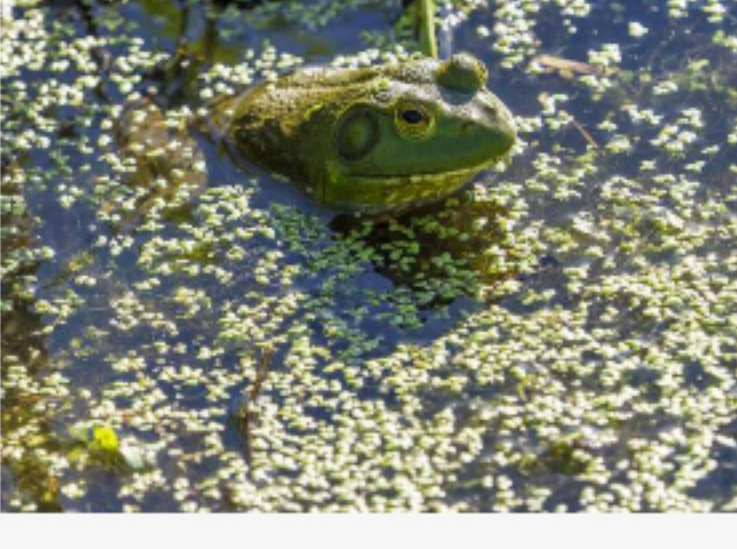
[Get to Know Georgie](#)



The Magic of Prescribed Fire

Prescribed fire, or healthy fire, has been one of the most important tools in TNC's restoration box for more than 60 years, helping to control invasive species, bolster native habitats, and much more.

[Dive Into Our Prescribed Fire Work in Illinois](#)



Take Action for Illinois Wetlands

Illinois remains at risk of losing wetland protections. Use your voice to advocate for safeguarding these vital ecosystems that purify our drinking water, mitigate flooding and help wildlife thrive.

[Ask Your Legislators to Protect Precious Wetlands](#)



Youth Connect Communities to Nature And Each Other

People have always been a part of nature. TNC's Youth Environmental Thinkers (YET) internship based at our Indian Boundary Prairies Preserve encourages youth to consider this interconnectedness.

[Learn How YET Connects People to Nature and Others](#)

STORIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD



Nomadic community in the shadow of Jargalant Khaikhan, Mongolia. © Bayar Balgantsersen

Mongolia Champions Conservation for a Sustainable Future

Mongolia is once again taking conservation leadership to the next level with the launch of Eternal Mongolia. This new initiative will provide long-term conservation funding to deliver on Mongolia's commitment to protect 30% of its land and waters by 2030 while supporting sustainable community development.

[See Eternal Mongolia's Place in an Enduring Earth](#)



Fish Are Making a Remarkable Comeback in Maine's Rivers

Thousands of sea-running fish are returning to the Penobscot River in Maine this spring—a biological ritual that was nearly impossible just a few years ago because of dams and other obstacles. During this month's World Fish Migration Day we're highlighting the restoration of these fish to the Penobscot and other rivers around the globe.

[See How Federal Aid and Tribal Partnerships Help the Penobscot's Revival](#)



New Pathways for New Conservation Leaders

Young leaders are developing conservation solutions for their communities—with incredible results—through an innovative career experience developed in partnership by the National Geographic Society and The Nature Conservancy.

[See Why This Is Not Your Typical Internship](#)



How the West is Fighting Fire with Fire

After a century of excluding fires in our Western dry forests, these landscapes are now dangerously overgrown. TNC is working with Indigenous and non-Indigenous practitioners to elevate the role of fire and its cultural and natural benefits and to advance the safe use of fire.

[See Why We're Working with Fire in the U.S. West](#)



Meet the Amazing Giant Rats of Oceania

Rats don't always get a good rap in Western culture, but these much-maligned rodents are actually quite spectacular. And Australia, New Guinea, and the Solomon Islands are home to dozens of fascinating rodent species—some of which are very rare.

[See Why These Rats are So Cool!](#)

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Camping among the flowers in China's Sichuan Province. © 艾 加美/TNC Photo Contest 2022

Ready for camping? Here's how spring camping looks among a sea of flowers in Mianyang, China's Sichuan Province. This captivating photo was submitted in TNC's 2022 Photo Contest.

[See More Beautiful Images of Nature on TNC's Instagram](#)

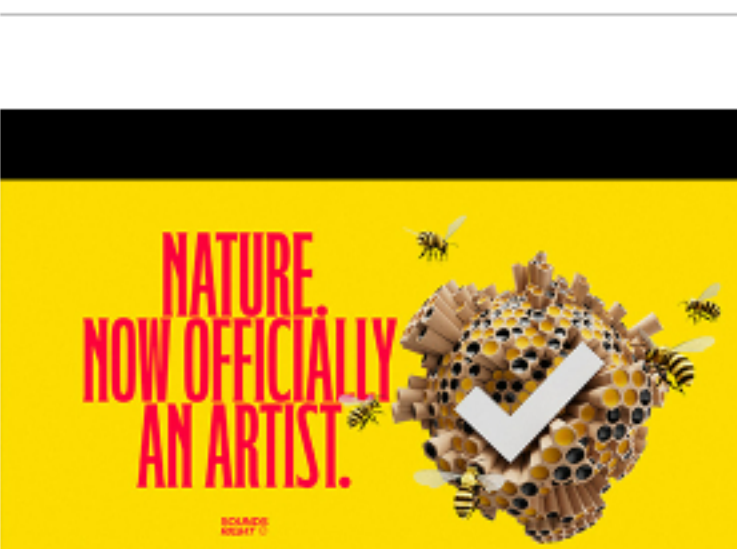
TRENDING NEWS

New Study from The Nature Conservancy Pinpoints Urban Neighborhoods in Urgent Need of Trees

Trees protect public health and lower bills, and—according to a new study from TNC—planting them in tree-poor communities of color can have especially powerful benefits that pay for themselves.

[Read the *BBC* Story](#)

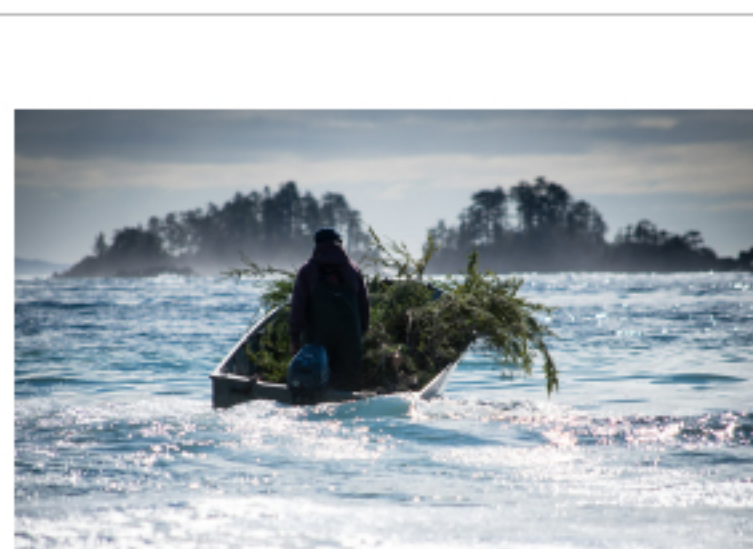
HAPPENING NOW



Protecting Nature by Listening to Music

TNC has joined forces with new initiative Sounds Right to encourage music fans around the globe to recognize the value of nature—and inspire them to act.

[See Why This Sounds Right for Earth](#)



A Partnership to Help Protect Forests

TNC and Grove Collaborative are partnering in support of Indigenous-led conservation across 2 million acres of the Tongass Rainforest of Southeast Alaska.

[See Why Grove Chose TNC](#)

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