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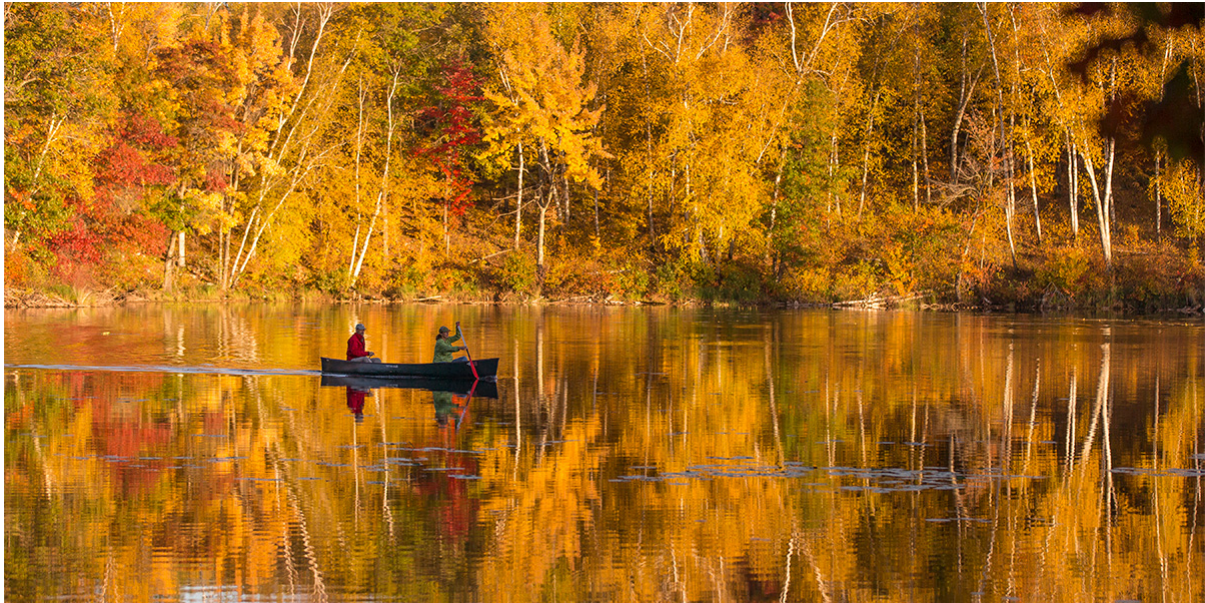
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## October: Minnesota Nature News

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### STORIES NEAR YOU

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### What You'll Find in Minnesota in the Fall

Fall is in full swing. Leaves are showing spectacular colors. Migrating waterfowl are stopping over along our state's waters.

[Learn more](#)

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## Come Volunteer With Us!

Join TNC at Ottawa Bluffs Preserve near St. Peter on October 14 and/or October 28 to help us restore this important remnant of the Minnesota River bluffs.

[Details here](#)

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## What Would It Take to Reforest Minnesota?

Planting more trees can capture carbon, provide jobs and help keep our water clean. But to start, we need to produce a ton of seedlings.

[Read more](#)

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STORIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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The natural history of bison is among many new features about this North American icon to check out on [nature.org](http://nature.org) and Cool Green Science. © Robert Granzow

## So, What Are Bison? Or Are They Buffalo

Bison are the stars this month as Ken Burns' "The American Buffalo" airs on PBS stations. Cool Green Science answers your questions about this remarkable grasslands icon.

[Meet the Bison: North America's Most Famous Mammal](#)

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## Up From the Underground

In Tennessee, protecting bats starts with restoring caves. And with over 11,000 limestone caves in the state, TNC and our partners are at the center

of Tennessee's action to save this vast underground landscape.

[Go Underground with TNC Magazine](#)

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## Powering Europe

In this interview, TNC's Southeast Europe program director describes how she and others at TNC are helping European countries think through where to place solar and wind power to reduce potential environmental impacts.

[See How Dragana Mileusnić is Advancing Europe's Transition to Renewable Energy](#)

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## Farmers Face a Changing Climate

From unpredictable planting seasons to flooding and financial strain, farmers are on the front lines of climate change. Learn about these challenges directly from farmers themselves and help TNC be part of the solution.

[Watch the Emmy-Winning Video](#)

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## Accepting a Queer Nature

There is no better time than the present to be open to ideas that may seem counterintuitive or that resist the norm. Effective solutions may come from unexpected places, including our blind spots. Susan McHarris, TNC-Virginia's Lands and Lives Intern, shows how queer ecology can make us better conservationists.

[Read Susan's Essay](#)

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### PHOTO OF THE MONTH

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**REFLECTIONS** Andean flamingos in sunset silhouette at the Uyuni Salt Flats in Bolivia. © Mario Segovia Guzmán/TNC Photo Contest 2022

Our 2023 Global Photo Contest submission period has ended and our judges are now busy working to find our winners—not an easy task with so many incredible images from all over the world. We thank those who entered the contest. You helped give voice to nature and truly inspired us.

[See Entries from This Year and Check Back to View Our Winner](#)

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## TRENDING NEWS

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### Block Island's Nature Preserves Offer Solitude and Wildlife

*New York Times* reporter Karen Angel steps into what feels like a different world while exploring protected lands on Block Island, where 2,500 acres of ponds, dunes and marshes serve as a haven for wildlife and nature lovers.

[Discover Block Island's Lands in Angel's Article](#)

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### The Unconventional Solutions Scientists are Trying to Save Corals

*The Washington Post* spoke with Dr. Elizabeth McLeod, TNC's global ocean director, for a story about new and unusual methods that researchers around the world are investigating to save corals from rising ocean temperatures.

[Read \*The Washington Post\* Story](#)

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## HAPPENING NOW

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### TNC Tallgrass Prairies, in Theaters!

Thanks to our supporters for helping fund the world's largest protected area of tallgrass prairie—and the stunning setting for 2 major films this October.

[Thank You Sunday](#)



### Thank You DMB, for Another Great Summer!

We've enjoyed touring with you to support reforestation. Together, with help from fans, we're planting 1 million MORE trees, for a total of 4M trees since 2020.

[More About Our Partnership](#)

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*Stories from Around the World - An American bison grazes on a prairie with snow-covered mountains in the distance. © Robert Granzow; Cory Holliday, TNC's cave and karst program director in Tennessee, examines a gray bat. © Stephen Alvarez; Dragana Mileusnić works to protect the rivers of SE Europe and promote the sustainable siting of renewable energy. © Ciril Jazbec; Robbie Williams stands in front of his farm in Henderson, Kentucky © TNC; Colorful flowers in soft focus in Columbia. © Juan Carlos Mazo Ayala/TNC Photo Contest 2018. Photo of the Month - Andean flamingos in sunset silhouette at the Uyuni Salt Flats in Bolivia. © Mario Segovia Guzmán/TNC Photo Contest 2022; Happening Now - Bison on the prairie with birds over their heads. © Morgan Heim; Snapshot scenes from Dave Matthews Band shows. © TNC*

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