



MARGARET ATWOOD'S ANGEL CATBIRD TALKS ABOUT A REAL WORLD PROBLEM

KEEP CATS SAFE

Many cat owners let their cats roam unsupervised outdoors. But outdoors is a dangerous place! Risks to unsupervised outdoor cats include:

- **Diseases** such as Feline Leukemia, Feline Immunodeficiency Virus, Rabies, Feline Distemper
- **Cars**
- **Fights** with other cats, wildlife, dogs
- **Parasites** such as fleas, ticks, earmites, worms
- **Poisoning:** Many common plants such as lilies are highly toxic to cats, as is antifreeze, rat poison, etc.
- **Getting lost:** Shelter statistics show that only 15-20% of cats that enter shelters in Guelph are reclaimed by their owners.

SAVE BIRD LIVES

Another good reason to keep your cat from roaming unsupervised is the risk to birds and wildlife. There are more than 200 species of birds in the Guelph area, and more than 300 in Wellington County. The number of bird species at risk in and around Guelph has increased 380% since 2000!

Some of the birds considered vulnerable to cats (because they nest or feed on the ground) are common species such as Cardinals and Gold Finches, as well as a number that are designed at risk, including Barn Swallows, Wood Thrushes & Bobolinks.

Learn more and take the pledge to keep your cat safe and save bird lives at: www.catsandbirds.ca/guelph



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