

## Part III

# Human-Nature Relational Ontology

Thus far this book has focused on centering possibilities for human-nature relationships in ontology, articulating a sensible structure and dynamics of human-nature relationships if closeness and intimacy are thought possible, and examining the ways in which conceptual dualisms operate to affect our understandings of the limitations of those possibilities. The chapters that remain contain a conceptual exploration of close human-nature relationships using the interdependence model I articulated in Chap. 4. I also articulate and explore a human-nature relational ontological orientation that includes material and more-than-material elements, and in so doing, open up the possibility not only for more-than-human beings to be relational Selves, but for humans to develop close relationships with them.