

WILDLIFE HABITAT CANADA
2009-2010 ANNUAL REPORT



Celebrating Over 25 Years of Wildlife Habitat Conservation

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The report cover features the 2009 Canadian Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp and Print image *Northern Wetland – Lesser Scaups* by Robert Bateman.





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About Wildlife Habitat Canada

Wildlife Habitat Canada is a national, non-profit, charitable conservation organization which was established in 1984. We work through partnerships with communities, landowners, governments, non-government organizations, and industry to find effective solutions to address problems facing wildlife habitat.

Our objectives are to:

- Promote the conservation, restoration and enhancement of wildlife habitat in order to retain the diversity, distribution and abundance of wildlife
- Provide a funding mechanism for wildlife habitat conservation programs in Canada
- Foster coordination and leadership in the conservation community across Canada.

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Brad Fenson

Canada Geese

Message from the Chair and the President

Our 25th anniversary year was, in many respects, a successful one for Wildlife Habitat Canada. The 2009-2010 Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp program provided approximately \$1.2 million in support of 26 grants. This funding in turn leveraged more than \$6.8 million for these projects and helped conserve over 42,966 acres of wildlife habitat.

We have a new logo, redesigned our website, and formed new partnerships. Wildlife Habitat Canada signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Wildlife Habitat Council that creates a partnership for advancing wildlife habitat conservation in Canada. A partnership was also formed with Summerhill Pyramid Winery whereby Wildlife Habitat Canada will receive a donation from the sale of each bottle of wine in the Robert Bateman Get to Know Series.

We launched the first Canadian Youth Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp and produced the first two pane Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp.

On a personal note, Bob Barton will be retiring as Chairman of the Board of Directors. Bob has served on the Board since June 2005.

We extend a sincere thank you to the hunting community, our financial supporters and conservation partners for all the support they have provided to Wildlife Habitat Canada over the past year.

Bob Barton
Chairman
Wildlife Habitat Canada
Board of Directors



Annemarie Grudén Photography

Len Ugarenko
President
Wildlife Habitat Canada



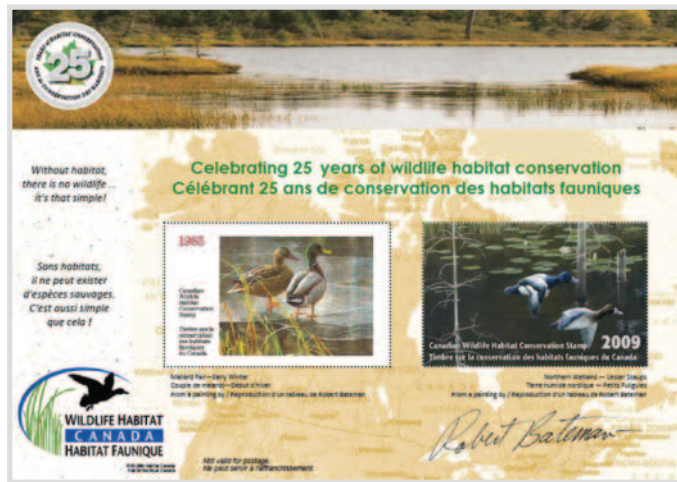
Annemarie Grudén Photography



Canadian Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamps and Prints

The Canadian Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp and Print are produced each year through the support of the Canadian Wildlife Service of Environment Canada and a selected Canadian wildlife artist. The conservation stamp is purchased primarily by waterfowl hunters to validate their Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit. It is also sold to collectors and individuals interested in contributing to the conservation of wildlife habitat.

The Canadian Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp was created as, and continues to be, a visible reminder of the reason habitat conservation is important – to conserve Canadian wildlife!



Special Edition 25th Anniversary Souvenir Sheet
1985 and 2009 Images created by Robert Bateman



2009 Stamp Image
2009 Print Image

Northern Wetland – Lesser Scaups



Since 1985, over \$35 million from the revenue of stamp and print sales has been invested in conservation projects across Canada.

2009 Conservation Stamp and Limited Edition Print

The 2009 Canadian Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp and Limited Edition Print image was created by world renowned wildlife artist Robert Bateman. His image entitled *Northern Wetland – Lesser Scaups* highlighted the 25th Anniversary stamp and print. Wildlife Habitat Canada was thrilled that Mr. Bateman agreed to create this very important image in the history of the stamp and print program.

Mr. Bateman was also chosen to create the very first conservation stamp in 1985. A special two pane souvenir sheet depicting both his 1985 and 2009 stamp images was produced to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Wildlife Habitat Canada.

We would like to thank Robert Bateman for his continued support of Wildlife Habitat Canada.



Robert Bateman



Pierre Girard
2010 Canadian Wildlife
Habitat Conservation
Stamp and Print Artist

"This has been a wonderful experience for me. To have been selected to create the 2010 Canadian Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp is a great source of inspiration for the future."

2010 Conservation Stamp and Limited Edition Print

The 26th Canadian Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp was created by Pierre Girard of Ste-Anne-de-Sorel, QC. Pierre's image, *Spring-time at the marsh – Green-winged Teal*, was released on April 1, 2010.

To view or purchase Wildlife Habitat Canada stamp and print products, please visit our website at

<http://www.whc.org/en/stamp-print-program/>.



2010 Print Image

Spring-time at the marsh – Green-winged Teal



2010 Artist Signed Stamp

Spring-time at the marsh – Green-winged Teal

Canadian Youth Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp

Healthy Wildlife Habitat = Healthy Youth = A Healthy Future for All

Wildlife Habitat Canada is thrilled to congratulate 14 year old Ivy Liu from British Columbia for being selected as the winning artist for the first **Canadian Youth Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp**. Wildlife Habitat Canada has partnered with the Robert Bateman *Get to Know Program* to create this inaugural stamp.

In addition to having her artwork featured on the Youth Stamp, Miss Liu's image was also featured on the cover of the 2010 Robert Bateman *Get to Know Contest* Biodiversity Calendar.

Ivy Liu's pastel entitled *The Beauty of Nature* is that of a Black Bear and a Kermode Bear, also known as the "Spirit Bear." A separate grant program, dedicated to youth and wildlife conservation, will be established based on the sale of the Canadian Youth Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp and corporate partnerships. Projects supported through this grant program will engage youth in out-of-doors activities in an effort to foster deeper connections with nature.

For more information on the Youth Stamp and how you can get involved in the program, please email pfitchett@whc.org.

2010 Canadian Youth Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp *The Beauty of Nature* by Ivy Liu



Heritage Academy Students celebrating Earth Day

Alicja Gulajski

2010 Get to Know Contest Launch

Wildlife Habitat Canada, along with the Canadian Museum of Nature, hosted the 2010 regional *Get to Know Contest* Launch on Earth Day, April 22, 2009 at the museum in Ottawa. Canadian Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp and Print Artist Nigel Shaw was on hand to demonstrate how to draw an "outdoor neighbour." Students from the Heritage Academy in Ottawa were present to learn from Nigel and to also participate in a macroinvertebrates activity with the museum staff.

Supporting Hunters

Wildlife Habitat Canada has supported conservation and hunting organizations during the 2009-2010 program year by donating Conservation Edition Prints and Mentor Lapel Pins to help raise money, as well as promote hunting and habitat conservation across Canada.

2009 Mentor Lapel Pin

The Mentoring Pin Program was very successful again this year. Wildlife Habitat Canada provided over 1,000 Mentor Lapel Pins to organizations to distribute as gifts to thank their volunteer mentors. These pins were distributed across Canada for numerous events, including Waterfowler Heritage Days. Wildlife Habitat Canada is proud to support organizations that are encouraging a new generation of hunters.



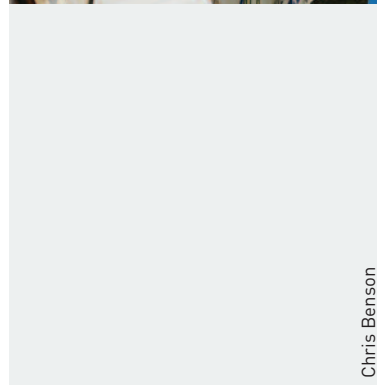
Last year, over 340 Conservation Prints were distributed, raising approximately \$34,000 for conservation initiatives in Canada.

If your organization would like to learn more about these programs, please email pfitchett@whc.org.



Manitoba Wildlife Federation

Chair of Wildlife Habitat Canada's Board of Directors, Bob Barton, participating at Hunting Appreciation Day in Manitoba



Chris Benson



Chris Benson

Manitoba Wildlife Federation Mentoring Hunt Participants

Hunters' Contributions to Habitat Conservation

Wildlife Habitat Canada would like to acknowledge and thank the hunting community for their valuable contributions to wildlife habitat conservation. In addition to purchasing the Canadian Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp to validate their annual Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit, they pay other license fees which directly support wildlife management. Many attend conservation fundraising dinners and activities, as well as volunteer on committees and projects benefitting wildlife.

The general public needs to understand that hunting today is just as much a wildlife management tool as it is a recreational activity. For example, recent studies have shown that in some places in North America where there is an over abundance of wildlife, such as white-tailed deer, they are viewed as a nuisance. What this means is eventually wildlife loses its intrinsic value as people separate themselves from nature.



Pascal Giasson

Maxim Giasson, Mischa Giasson and Cody Grant at the Saint John River Mentoring Hunt, NB

We are seeing an extension of this with an entire generation of children who spend more time indoors watching television and playing computer games than they do playing outside. Some studies have demonstrated that these children are suffering from what has been coined as “nature deficit” disorder. Basically, they have no connection to the natural world and lack an understanding of why maintaining healthy wildlife populations and their habitat are important.

Since children are the future and will eventually be responsible for our wildlife and other natural resources, it is vital that they learn that we too are a part of nature and our well being is directly tied to how we manage the environment.

Many organizations and individuals conduct youth mentoring programs. It should be noted that these programs go well beyond the various aspects of hunting. They also teach youth about the importance of terrestrial and aquatic habitat conservation, species diversity and biodiversity.

By educating young people about the need to maintain the quality of wildlife habitat, we will ensure that future generations, including non-hunters, will enjoy the abundance of wildlife species that we have today.



Brad Fenson

Laura Sanderman

Highlights of Accomplishments for Grants in 2009-2010

In 2009-2010, Wildlife Habitat Canada provided 26 grants totalling approximately \$1,199,667 which leveraged an additional \$6,865,262 million in partner funding for these conservation projects. Wildlife Habitat Canada helped to conserve or influence over 42,966 acres (more than 17,395 hectares) of habitat.

Newfoundland & Labrador

Newfoundland and Labrador Eastern Habitat Joint Venture Coastal and Inland Freshwater Wetlands Stewardship and Conservation

Wildlife Habitat Canada provided a grant of \$28,500 to the Wildlife Division, Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Environment and Conservation, NL

• **Project accomplishments:**

- A municipal stewardship agreement was reached with the Town of Stephenville Crossing to expand its existing agreement, securing an additional 169.6 acres of wetland, associated upland habitat and critical habitat beaches for the Endangered Piping Plover
- Coastal stewardship agreements were signed with the Towns of Mary's Harbour, Red Bay, and St. Lewis, conserving 9,406 acres of coastal habitat and associated offshore islands
- Developed or updated conservation plans for 6 stewardship agreement communities

- Produced a DVD on the Legacy of Stewardship in Newfoundland and Labrador
- A provincial interdepartmental working group, chaired by the Newfoundland and Labrador Eastern Habitat Joint Venture Program Manager, was formed to develop a comprehensive provincial wetland policy in follow up to a wetlands workshop held in September 2009; this is the first time that Newfoundland and Labrador is exploring the idea of a comprehensive wetland policy
- Implemented the annual waterfowl monitoring protocol in the Codroy Valley



Charmaine Barney, Nfld. & Labrador Dept. of Environment and Conservation

Presentation of the 'Wetland Conservation Stewardship Community' road sign to the Town of Hawke's Bay. Pictured are (left to right): Mayor Lloyd Bennett, Councilor Wallace Maynard, and EHJV Stewardship Biologist, Jessica Humber

Newfoundland and Labrador Murre Conservation Fund

Wildlife Habitat Canada provided a grant of \$33,850 to the Newfoundland and Labrador Murre Conservation Fund



- **Project accomplishments:**

- The Fund supported 3 projects:
 - *Reproductive and Parental Behaviour of Common Murres*
 - monitored reproductive success at 111 common murres nest sites
 - caught 22 adults for colour-banding and blood sampling in the 2009 breeding season
 - common murre productivity was lower this year than in the past — overall hatching success was 71% (73/103) and of the 73 chicks that hatched, only 44% (32/71) fledged
 - *Year-round Tracking of Common Murres*
 - data gathered on the foraging & migration behaviour of murres
 - generation of kernel density maps were completed for 10 Common Murres from Funk Island and 12 murres (7 Common & 5 Thick-billed) from the Gannet Islands (these maps are a useful tool to identify areas of important habitat)
 - *Estimating Numbers and Monitoring Trends of Thick-billed Murre Populations at Arctic Breeding Colonies*
 - photo series taken at Digges Island in August 2009 and 75% of the census/colony count was completed (will continue in 2010/2011)
 - plot censuses were conducted at Coats Island and Prince Leopold Island



Nova Scotia

Nova Scotia Eastern Habitat Joint Venture Wetland Stewardship Program

Wildlife Habitat Canada provided a grant of \$33,000 to the Wildlife Division, Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources, NS

- **Project accomplishments:**

- As part of the Agricultural Biodiversity Conservation Plan Project, approximately 60 farm visits were made to complete biodiversity assessments for 26 farms (approximately 3,204 hectares/7,912 acres) in 7 counties throughout Nova Scotia
- Through the Kings Agricultural Wetland and Biodiversity Conservation Initiative, field support was provided to several groups in the evaluation of the health of riparian areas in the Maritime Provinces in conjunction with the Riparian Health Assessment Project, and water quality analysis on 2 farms in the Upper Cornwallis River watershed was expanded to provide additional information that will lead to improved understanding and recording of the relationship between better management practices and water quality in association with The Beneficial Management Practices Demonstration Project

Linda Takahashi



Detail of Common Murre Colony on Gull Island



Linda Takahashi reading the caliper to get the tarsus length measurement

Megan Rector



Saltmarsh and dykeland at the outlet of the Gaspereau River near Grand Pre, NS

Reg Newell, N.S. Dept. of Natural Resources



Prince Edward Island

Biodiversity Planning and Best Management Practices (BMP) Implementation on Prince Edward Island

Wildlife Habitat Canada provided a grant of \$30,000 to Ducks Unlimited Canada, PEI

- **Project accomplishments:**

- 25 farms were assessed for potential wetland restoration sites and Agricultural Biodiversity Plans were conducted on 12 farms, influencing the management of approximately 1,600 hectares of farmland
- 14 wetland restoration projects were completed, resulting in approximately 15 acres of wetland habitat and approximately 33 acres of upland habitat. Of these 14 projects, 10 conservation agreements were signed for a 15 year period and 4 for 30 years, to protect the ecological value of these areas



New Brunswick

Restoration of Wood Duck Habitat on Private Lands in Southern New Brunswick

Wildlife Habitat Canada provided a grant of \$5,500 to the Southern New Brunswick Wood Co-operative Ltd., NB

- **Project accomplishments:**

- A total of 615 oak trees were planted at the 6 project sites
- 60 larger trees that were in areas of concern for deer browsing and/or beaver damage were staked and caged
- Overall health of the wetlands margins was improved by removing the trees, shrubs, and grasses that were competing with local established mast producing vegetation

Pam Folkins, Southern New Brunswick Wood Co-operative Ltd.



Forester Jamie Floyd (on left) and Forest Technician Darin Clark with the 30 wood duck nest boxes that were installed at six project sites



Quebec

Conservation in Perpetuity of 3 Properties Located in the Appalachian Corridor Area

Wildlife Habitat Canada approved a grant of \$19,000 to the Appalachian Corridor, QC



- **Project accomplishments:**

- Through conservation easements negotiated for three properties, a total of 27.3 hectares was protected, of which 10.9 hectares is wetlands
- Inventories (flora, avifauna, herpetofauna, indices of animal presence) and the production of conservation plans for four properties
- Land surveying of three properties

Stewardship and Protection of the St. Lawrence Islands between Repentigny and the Archipelago of Lac Saint-Pierre

Wildlife Habitat Canada provided a grant of \$15,583 to Nature Conservancy of Canada, QC

- **Project accomplishments:**

- Conservation of more than 24 hectares of wetlands for the islands "Hervieux", "à la Truie" and "Sans nom"
- Maintained the preservation of more than 380 hectares of wetlands on the Nature Conservancy's properties in the archipelago of the Lac Saint-Pierre
- Creation of several maps that indicate the limits of the NCC properties, wetlands, and zones used by waterfowl during their spring and autumn migration. The maps will facilitate the monitoring of the lands, as well as rare, threatened and endangered species, enriching educational activities, and will be distributed to the hunters who have signed a lease with NCC, as well as to the partners of the acquisition projects and potential donors

Forest-Wildlife Program – Protection of Wetlands, Eastern Habitat Joint Venture

Wildlife Habitat Canada provided a grant of \$65,000 to the Quebec Wildlife Foundation, QC

- **Project accomplishments:**

- 11 new projects were supported in 7 administrative areas in the south of Quebec: Centre-du-Québec, Bas-Saint-Laurent, Outaouais, Estrie, Chaudière-Appalaches, Bas Saint-Laurent and Capitale-Nationale. Project activities included:
 - the characterization of the habitats (of waterfowl and endangered species)
 - the completion of a report on potential nesting locations for waterfowl
 - meeting with the landowners to make them aware of the importance of protecting the wetlands
 - the development of notebooks for the landowners comprising all of the information on the relevant wetlands, as well as recommendations for the protection of the wetlands
 - voluntary conservation agreements
- 4 new (and 2 continuing) projects will protect 39 wetlands representing a total area of 393 hectares based on the signing of 62 voluntary conservation agreements
- 7 new monitoring projects were carried out: 63 wetlands and 162 landowners were revisited, and 500 hectares of wetlands already protected were revalidated proving their initial non-disturbed state by human activity



Groupement forestier Baie-des-Chaleurs

Pointe-à-la-Garde, Baie-des-Chaleurs in Gaspésie

Protection of Wetlands in the Ottawa Valley, Bristol and Clarendon Sectors

Wildlife Habitat Canada provided a grant of \$82,454 to the Nature Conservancy of Canada, QC

- **Project accomplishments:**

- Protected 52.9 hectares of waterfowl habitat through the acquisition of two properties in the Clarendon sector (waterfowl habitat totaling 12.9 hectares) and one property in the Bristol sector (waterfowl habitat totaling 40 hectares)
- Negotiations were carried out with 13 landowners having wetlands in the Clarendon and Bristol priority sectors
- Biological characteristics of the three properties containing waterfowl habitat were completed
- Property management plans associated with the two sectors were completed
- Three hunting leases were signed by the Nature Conservancy of Canada and will be signed by local hunters by March 31, 2010, in conjunction with the management of the protected areas



Ontario

Charleston Lake Watershed Wetland and Stream Restoration

Wildlife Habitat Canada provided a grant of \$9,300 to the Leeds County Stewardship Council, ON

- **Project accomplishments:**

- The Council worked with three farmers upstream of Charleston Lake to install 2.5 kilometres of cattle exclusion (dual strand electric) fencing, 1 alternative (solar) watering system, and a major (4 culvert) water crossing. In addition, 5,000 trees and shrubs were planted on two farms, and 25 acres of pasture woodland was protected

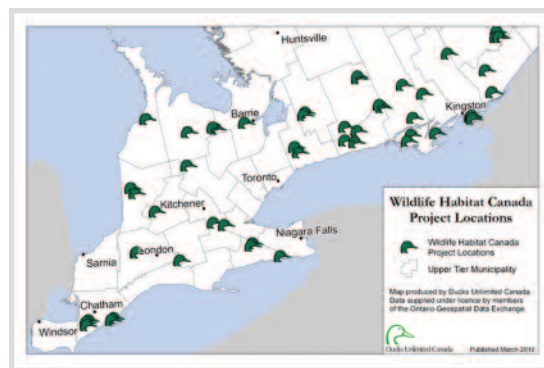
- Water quality and riparian wildlife habitat in both Elbe Creek and Wiltse Lake, a provincially significant wetland, were improved as a result of this project

Southern Ontario Priority Wetland Habitats

Wildlife Habitat Canada provided a grant of \$195,000 to Ducks Unlimited Canada, ON

- **Project accomplishments:**

- Completed 17 wetland restoration projects, enhancing 1,175.3 acres of wetlands and uplands
- Positively impacted 1,354 acres through extension efforts with 27 landowners under extension agreements
- Ducks Unlimited Canada conservation specialists hosted or participated in community based workshops with a total participation of over 600 landowners



Ducks Unlimited Canada

Map showing Southern Ontario Priority Wetland Habitats project locations



National Capital Region Wildlife Festival

Wildlife Habitat Canada provided a grant of \$1,000 to the National Capital Region Wildlife Festival, ON

- **Project accomplishments:**

- The 25th annual festival was held in March 2010 in the Ottawa area, with the theme “Biodiversity” given that 2010 is the International Year of Biodiversity
- Wildlife Habitat Canada’s grant supported a two day Wildlife Awareness Event and a silent auction

Wetland Habitat Conservation and Restoration on the Walpole Island First Nation

Wildlife Habitat Canada provided a grant of \$18,000 to the Walpole Island Land Trust, ON

- **Project accomplishments:**

- The establishment of a Wetlands Management Task Force led to the conservation of a 171 acre wetland through a 10-year conservation leasing agreement between the Walpole Island First Nation and the newly registered charitable organization, the Walpole Island Land Trust
- A hunt club manager and waterfowl hunting guides held a session with 12 community youth to exchange knowledge and skills relating to wetland habitat management, safety and survival skills, hunting ethics, and Anishnaabe cultural teachings relating to hunting
- Promotional outreach of the project was undertaken at community gatherings, such as the annual Fall Fair and annual Heritage Centre Open House



The Best of the Best: Conserving and Restoring High Priority Waterfowl Habitat in Manitoba

Wildlife Habitat Canada provided a grant of \$100,000 to the Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation

- **Project accomplishments:**

- Secured a total of 3,472.3 acres of wetland and upland habitat using 25 conservation easements, providing protection for these areas in perpetuity
- Of these secured acres, 79.2 acres of wetland habitat (25 wetland basins) were added to Manitoba’s landscape through restoration activities



L. Kontzie, Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation

An example of the “Prairie Pothole” wetland landscape (a main waterfowl breeding ground) on a Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation conservation easement located near Minnedosa, MB



Saskatchewan

Habitat Stewardship in Saskatchewan

Wildlife Habitat Canada provided a grant of \$100,000 to the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority, SK

- **Project accomplishments:**

- A total of 28 projects converted 5,536 acres of cropland to native or non-invasive tame perennial forage in Saskatchewan North American Waterfowl Management Plan Target Landscapes
- 211 drained wetlands totalling 210 acres were restored by construction of ditch plugs in the Upper Assiniboine Target Landscape; all 7 landowners establishing projects signed 12 year agreements securing restored wetland habitat and ensuring infrastructure will be maintained
- Currently available high resolution airphotos (2008) were obtained for 14 townships in the Lenore-Ponass and Touchwood-Beaver Target Landscapes; a total of 54,505 wetland features were categorized into 4 condition classes and a total of 10,550 drainage ditches were digitized. These data will be used to evaluate and refine the wetland loss estimates for these Target Landscapes, compare the efficiencies of various wetland monitoring sampling designs, and target and direct opportunities for wetland restoration



Alberta

Alberta Hen House Super Sites

Wildlife Habitat Canada provided a grant of \$25,000 to the Delta Waterfowl Foundation, MB

- **Project accomplishments:**

- Construction of 200 hen houses
- In coordination with farmers participating in the Alternate Land Use Services Demonstration Project, the County of Vermillion River, Alberta and its surrounding area were chosen as the target area for the installation of the hen house structures (these areas are an extremely important source of waterfowl for the Pacific and Central Flyways)
- The Delta Waterfowl Foundation is working with approximately 40 landowners to install all 200 structures; the structures are being placed mainly on private land with landowner consent (the landowners have been asked to sign a Hen House Agreement and will maintain the hen houses annually for a period of 10 years) and accessibility to hunters, in wetlands of optimal size and that contain suitable brood rearing habitat. Each structure will have GPS locations, and be evaluated and maintained yearly for (hen) occupancy rates and hatching success

Velma Hudson, Alberta Conservation Association



Volunteer, Rob Reynolds, with a Hen House structure installed near Lindberg, Alberta

Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) Demonstration Project in the County of Vermilion River (CVR), Alberta

Wildlife Habitat Canada provided a grant of \$100,000 to the Delta Waterfowl Foundation, MB

• Project accomplishments:

- Official ALUS launch held in January 2010
- 13 ALUS projects will involve an estimated 1,163 acres of habitat
- Delta Waterfowl Foundation is working with 15 producers that will use ALUS to enhance their farms in spring 2010 (it is anticipated that 15-20 producer agreements will be signed prior to 2010 growing season); some projects will be demonstration farms to communicate ALUS to a variety of audiences

Beltz Lake

Wildlife Habitat Canada provided a grant of \$70,000 to the Alberta Conservation Association

• Project accomplishments:

- Obtained an appraisal, completed a Phase I Environmental Assessment and negotiated the purchase of the property
- A project agreement and management plan were developed and signed by the project partners
- Secured existing habitat (10.3 acres of wetlands and 111.7 acres of Aspen Parkland) and promoted the regeneration of native vegetation (succession) on disturbed lands (38 acres of old hay field)
- Six wetlands totalling 6.4 acres (2.6 hectares) were enhanced and/or restored
- Four nesting tunnels and nest boxes were installed to enhance waterfowl, upland game bird and small mammal recruitment, and the dilapidated granary was removed from the site

Wetland Restoration in Canada's Prairie Ecozone

Wildlife Habitat Canada provided a grant of \$150,000 to Ducks Unlimited Canada, AB

• Project accomplishments:

- The overall project secured and restored approximately 150 small wetland basins totalling 588 acres
- A subset of projects associated with Wildlife Habitat Canada's grant in 2009-2010 resulted in the enhancement/restoration of 93 wetland basins and 225 acres, positively impacting a total of 18 land parcels



Sign and "walk-through" gate at Beltz Lake partnership project

Andy Murphy, Alberta Conservation Association



British Columbia

Brant and Biodiversity Inspire Conservation Action

Wildlife Habitat Canada provided a grant of \$2,200 to the Nature Trust of British Columbia, BC

• Project accomplishments:

- Wildlife Habitat Canada's grant supported the To "B" or Not to "B" event which was held on March 5, 2010 in Parksville, and a conservation interpreter program in the Parksville-Qualicum Beach Wildlife Management Area, in conjunction with the 2010 Brant Wildlife Festival
- The event offered education on the importance of biodiversity, the current status of biodiversity and the key challenges to sustaining biodiversity, and inspired those in attendance to take action to reduce their personal footprint
- Approximately 700 brochures were distributed to schools, tourist information centres, businesses, parks, meetings, Brant Wildlife Festival events, Campbell River Eagle Festival, as well as Resource Management Officer Training students doing patrols and during public outreach sessions

Crown Range Wetland Enhancement Program

Wildlife Habitat Canada provided a grant of \$25,000 to Ducks Unlimited Canada, BC

• Project accomplishments:

- Three project sites were supported in conjunction with Wildlife Habitat Canada's grant: Isaac Meadow; Fly Creek (Hutchison Lake); and Pressy Lake. These projects enabled the enhancement of 1,684.4 hectares of habitat (302.9 hectares of wetlands and 1,381.5 hectares of uplands) through the installation of 12.3 km of fencing and two culverts, as well as the construction of two dams with water control structures



Katharine VanSpall, Ducks Unlimited Canada

Hutchison Project – Improved dam site and weir installed to secure water storage in the wetland

Hundreds of people share the spring migration of the Brant goose at the Parksville Community Park, BC



Donna Monty, Brant Wildlife Festival Coordinator

Give Green Canada, Field Test Phase One: eLearning Course & Phase Two: Individual Mentoring

Wildlife Habitat Canada provided a grant of \$10,000 to Tides Canada Initiatives Society, BC

- **Project accomplishments:**

- 54 organizations registered as participants in the *Give Green Canada* online training mentorship course field test (available via www.givegreencanada.ca)
- At least 450 groups have been listed in the searchable online directory of organizations (hosted on the Give Green Canada website through collaboration with Stewardship Canada – www.stewardshipcanada.ca)

Regional

9th Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference (Winnipeg, Feb. 25-27, 2010)

Wildlife Habitat Canada provided a grant of \$10,000 to the Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Steering Committee

- **Project accomplishments:**

- The PCESC conference (www.pcesc.ca) was held in Winnipeg on February 25-27, 2010, with the theme “*Patterns of Change: Learning from our past to manage our present and conserve our future*”
- Over 300 people attend the event which consisted of two plenary sessions and six workshops
- Over 60 posters were presented on a wide range of topics (poster sessions highlighted recent research in the Prairies Ecozone)

The Prairie & Parkland Marsh Monitoring Program: Years 2-5

Wildlife Habitat Canada provided a grant of \$60,000 to Bird Studies Canada, ON

- **Project accomplishments:**

- A second year of field-based data collection was completed in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba
- 458 wetland basins were sampled and 516 survey stations were established in these Prairie provinces
- A total of 2,360 surveys of wetland-associated birds were completed



John Conkin

Technician doing habitat inventory near Cardale, MB

National

Evaluation of Non-Government Organizations Sector Response to the State of Stewardship in Canada Report and the Strategic National Stewardship Road Map

Wildlife Habitat Canada provided a grant of \$8,280 to the Centre for Environmental Stewardship and Conservation Inc., ON

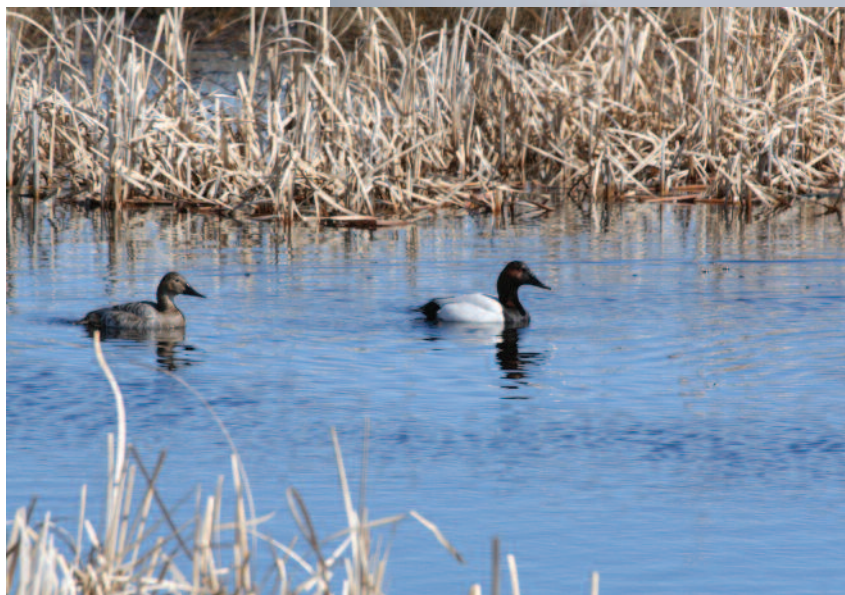
- **Project accomplishments:**

- Representatives of 13 national and 13 regional/provincial organizations responded to a request for input on the recommendations in The State of Stewardship in Canada report (produced in conjunction with the 4th National Stewardship and Conservation Conference held in July 2009 in Calgary, AB) and their views on what is needed to pursue a *Strategic Stewardship Road Map in Canada*
- Some organizations indicated interest in the creation of a “coalition” group to develop a “Stewardship Canada Plan” (e.g. Canada’s Conservation Stewardship Plan) which would integrate conservation through stewardship actions and solicit support for funding

Brad Fenson



Snow Geese



Brad Fenson

Canvasback Ducks



Stewardship Recognition Award Programs

Forest Stewardship Recognition Program

The Forest Stewardship Recognition Program (FSRP) recognizes outstanding stewardship in Canada's forests. The forest stewardship award is intended to promote good forest practices; recognize the accomplishments of forest managers; and encourage the use of innovative practices to conserve biodiversity and increase public awareness of stewardship efforts in Canada's forests.

FSRP recipients receive a limited edition print of a painting entitled *New Morning*, by artist Don Li-Leger. This artwork was commissioned to symbolize the forest stewardship award.

The 2009 forest stewardship award winners are:

- Galiano Conservancy Association, Galiano Island, British Columbia;
- Donna Cansfield, Ontario's Minister of Natural Resources; and,
- Elmer, Peter and Andrew MacKay, owners of the MacKay woodlands in Lorne, Nova Scotia

Countryside Canada Stewardship Recognition Program

Countryside Canada is intended to recognize and promote land stewardship and wildlife habitat conservation in the agriculture community. Across Canada, the stewardship efforts of farmers, ranchers, agricultural organizations and rural landowners are helping to ensure that wildlife habitat remains an integral part of the agricultural landscape.

Recipients of a Countryside Canada award receive a limited edition print of *The Awakening*, a painting by artist Antony John. This artwork was commissioned to symbolize the Countryside Canada Award. The painting underscores the need for understanding, caring and stewardship to achieve harmony with nature.

The 2009 Countryside Canada award winners are:

- Dylan and Colleen Biggs, owners of TK Ranch, east-central Alberta;
- Land Stewardship Centre of Canada, Edmonton, Alberta;
- Ernie Ewaschuk, a lifelong proponent of stewardship from St. Albert, Alberta



Neil Koven, Neil Koven Photography

Wildlife Habitat Canada's stewardship awards presentation at the National Stewardship and Conservation Conference held on July 11, 2009 in Calgary, AB. From left to right: Len Ugarenko, President, Wildlife Habitat Canada; Dr. Ken Millard representing the Galiano Conservancy Association; Dylan and Colleen Biggs, TK Ranch; Pamela Wright, Director on the Board of the Land Stewardship Centre of Canada; Ernie Ewaschuk; and Bob Barton, Chairman, Wildlife Habitat Canada.

Financial Summary 2009-2010

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

The accompanying summarized statement of financial position and summarized statement of operations and changes in net assets are derived from the complete financial statements of Wildlife Habitat Canada as at March 31, 2010 and for the year then ended on which we expressed an opinion without reservation in our report dated May 14, 2010. The fair summarization of the complete financial statements is the responsibility of the Corporation's management. Our responsibility, in accordance with the applicable Assurance Guideline of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, is to report on the summarized financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements fairly summarize, in all material respects, the related complete financial statements in accordance with the criteria described in the Guideline referred to above. These summarized financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes. For more information on the entity's financial position, results of operations and cash flows, reference should be made to the related complete financial statements.

KPMG LLP

Chartered Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants
Ottawa, Canada
May 14, 2010

Jacob Longpre



Canada Goose



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Summarized Statement of Financial Position
March 31, 2010, with comparative figures for 2009

	2010	2009
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 215,090	\$ 106,403
Amounts receivable	601,189	636,985
Prepaid expenses	65,535	61,533
	881,814	804,921
Investments	547,222	646,462
Capital assets	9,817	11,713
	\$ 1,438,853	\$ 1,463,096
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 300,332	\$ 181,326
Amounts payable on co-operative projects	33,896	41,067
Funds held in trust	235,830	143,490
Deferred contribution revenue	47,731	79,100
	617,789	444,983
Net assets:		
Investment in capital assets	9,817	11,713
Internally restricted	350,000	350,000
Unrestricted	461,247	656,400
	821,064	1,018,113
	\$ 1,438,853	\$ 1,463,096



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Summarized Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets
Year ended March 31, 2010, with comparative figures for 2009

	2010	2009
Revenue:		
Conservation stamp program	\$ 1,696,940	\$ 1,553,160
Grants, contributions and sponsorship:		
Ontario Wetlands Habitat Fund	–	279,830
Stewardship Portal	45,821	17,993
Fisheries and Oceans Canada/the Coalition of National/ Regional Conservation Non-Governmental Organizations	–	14,887
Countryside Canada	–	989
Forest Stewardship Recognition Program	8,334	829
Stamp and prints	105,811	75,020
Interest	6,316	36,130
Miscellaneous	29,117	24,992
	1,892,339	2,003,830
Expenses:		
Fund Habitat Conservation	1,502,614	1,331,220
Promote Habitat Conservation Action	9,158	150,858
Promote Habitat Conservation Co-ordination	138,156	115,795
Corporate Support Services	439,460	417,553
	2,089,388	2,015,426
Deficiency of revenue over expenditures	\$ (197,049)	\$ (11,596)
Net assets, beginning of year	1,018,113	1,029,709
Net assets, end of year	\$ 821,064	\$ 1,018,113



Our Supporters and Partners

Wildlife Habitat Canada would like to thank the following organizations for their support and partnership in 2009-2010:

- Algonquin Art Centre
- Bass Pro Shops
- Bird Studies Canada
- Canada Post (philatelic product sales)
- Canadian Business and Biodiversity Secretariat
- Canadian Museum of Nature
- Canadian Wildlife Federation
- Canadian Wildlife Service of Environment Canada
- Delta Waterfowl Foundation
- Department of Natural Resources, Government of Nova Scotia
- Ducks Unlimited Canada
- Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association
- Land Stewardship Centre of Canada (Alberta)
- Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation
- Manitoba Wildlife Federation
- Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources
- National Watershed Stewardship Coalition

- Nature Canada
- Nature Conservancy of Canada
- Robert Bateman Get to Know Contest
- Robert Bateman Public School
- Rousseau Timbres et Monnaies à la Baie
- Stewardship Centre of British Columbia
- The Lowe-Martin Group

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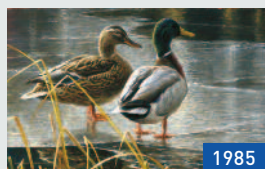
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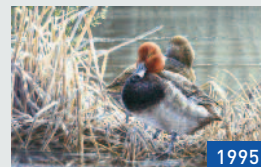
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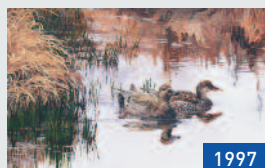
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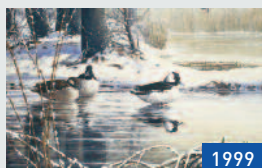
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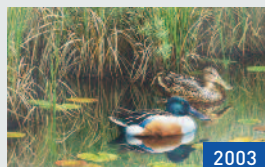
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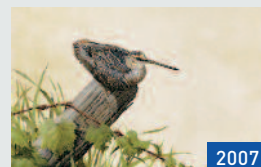
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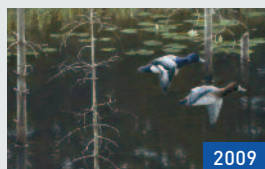
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