



WILDLIFE HABITAT CANADA

2024-2025 ANNUAL REPORT



2024 Canadian Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp and Print image, "Proud Pair - Buffleheads" by DJ Cleland-Hura.

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Photo Credit: Stqeeye' Learning Society, BC

ABOUT WILDLIFE HABITAT CANADA

Wildlife Habitat Canada is a national grant administrator dedicated to advancing conservation efforts across Canada. Guided by a vision of diverse wildlife populations and habitats in Canada, we work in collaboration with conservation organizations, land trusts, and community groups to protect vital wildlife habitats and biodiversity from coast to coast. Our mission is to conserve wildlife habitat in Canada through partnerships and wise conservation investments. Through the strategic management of funding programs, we help leverage resources to grow conservation, while supporting initiatives that conserve, restore, and enhance habitat for wildlife. As a leader in the conservation community, we are committed to fostering collaboration and driving meaningful impact across the country.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



The past year has been one of meaningful transition and progress at Wildlife Habitat Canada. After nearly 12 years of dedicated leadership, Executive Director Cam Mack moved on from WHC near the end of the fiscal year. We are deeply grateful to Cam for his vision, tireless efforts, and the strong reputation he helped build for WHC among partners and funders across the country. Following an extensive search, we were pleased to appoint Jessica Burns as Executive Director. With her deep understanding of WHC's mission and operations, along with the respect and confidence of our staff and board, Jessica has stepped into this role with thoughtful leadership and a clear strategic vision.

WHC continues to deliver national programs that advance wildlife habitat conservation across Canada. The Canadian Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp Program remains a cornerstone of our work. Since 1985, the program has invested more than \$64 million in protecting and enhancing 1.43 million acres of habitat nationwide. We are committed to growing the program's impact by enhancing its visibility and attracting greater investment in conservation.

The Community Conservation Action Program (CCAP) also marked a successful milestone, completing its fifth year with strong interest from conservation organizations. A highlight from the past year was Be the Change Earth Alliance's FLOW: Youth Collaborating on Freshwater Action project in British Columbia, which engaged over 3,300 youth in climate and conservation action. To ensure CCAP's long-term success, WHC continues to seek additional support from both public and private funding sources.

Another key initiative is the Natural Heritage Conservation Program – Land Trusts Conservation Fund (NHCP-LTCF), a flagship federal program supporting Canada's conservation commitments. Over the past six years, WHC has supported more than 200 conservation projects, protecting over 21,000 hectares of important wildlife habitat. Our expertise in grant administration and strong partnerships have been critical to this success, and we look forward to shaping the future of national conservation programming.

In the coming year, we will focus on the continued evolution of our business development and communications strategies, ensuring we continue to deliver high-impact, future-focused conservation programming. We are fortunate to be guided by a dedicated and experienced board and staff team, and we remain committed to working collaboratively with our extensive network of partners to make 2025-2026 a dynamic and productive year.

Thank you for your continued support of Wildlife Habitat Canada.

Ian Barnett,
Chair, Board of Directors
Wildlife Habitat Canada



2024 Winning Painting By: DJ Cleland-Hura

WILDLIFE HABITAT CONSERVATION STAMP

Since 1985, the Canadian Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp and Print (CWHs) program has been supporting wildlife art and important conservation projects all over Canada.

The program continues to enable vital wildlife habitat conservation, research and education projects across Canada. This year 24 projects were made possible through CWHs sales.

In 2024...

24

PROJECTS FUNDED BY THE STAMP



22,247

ACRES OF HABITAT CONSERVED OR RESTORED



203,712

CANADIANS ENGAGED IN CONSERVATION AND STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITIES



✓ **\$986,238** in grant funding provided

*Of which 97% of funds contributed directly to priorities under the North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP).

✓ **\$6.96 million** in additional partner funds raised for conservation

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2024 Stamp By: DJ Cleland-Hura



DJ Cleland-Hura

"Buffleheads have always captured my attention and admiration. There are few wild creatures with more outright character and attitude than the bufflehead."
- DJ Cleland-Hura

Artist and teacher, DJ Cleland-Hura won the 2024 Wildlife Conservation Stamp Contest for his entry (featured on the cover) "Proud Pair- Buffleheads". Earning the distinct honour of being featured on the 2024 Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp.

Based out of Vancouver, BC, DJ and his wife Jericca have created a life in harmony with nature for their family. He has worked as an illustrator and portraitist, created political cartoons, and won numerous wildlife stamp competitions that raised funds for habitat conservation.

"For me, my art is the best way to repay what nature has given me. It is my form of praise, of homage, and of thanks."

To learn more about the Stamp, please visit whc.org/the-stamp

The 2025 CWHs Stamp
"Northward Bound - Greater Scaup"
by Ken Ferris is
ON SALE NOW!





COMMUNITY CONSERVATION ACTION PROGRAM

The Community Conservation Action Program (CCAP) was created by Wildlife Habitat Canada (WHC) to enable smaller organizations to deliver on-the-ground conservation education, nature connection and youth engagement programming in communities across Canada. In 2024-2025, CCAP received an impressive number of applications. WHC was able to invest \$50,272 in supporting local projects from 11 organizations to connect more than 8,451 people to nature.

2024-2025 DIANE GRIFFIN CONSERVATION AWARD WINNER

Be The Change Earth Alliance (BTCEA) is the 2024-2025 recipient of the Diane Griffin Community Conservation Award for their outstanding FLOW: Youth Collaborating on Freshwater Action project in British Columbia. The initiative empowered youth aged 6-18 to take climate action and address eco-anxiety through workshops, outdoor education, and classroom resources.

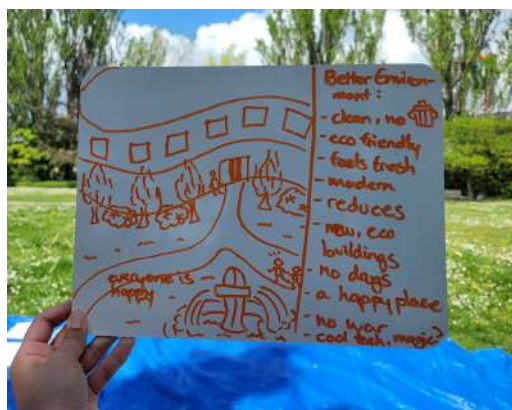


Photo Credits: Be The Change

Key accomplishments include:

Workshops: 364 students participated in 16 two-part workshops, pledging actions that led to the reduction of 1.55 million kg of CO₂, conservation of 1.32 million litres of water, and reduction of 1,523 kg of plastic waste.

Outdoor Education: 7 outdoor sessions engaged 188 youth, including habitat cleanups that removed 44 kg of waste from 4 hectares.

Learning Resources: 168 teachers received freshwater conservation materials, reaching 3,360 students, with over 80 teachers participating in professional development.



Photo Credit: Greenough and North Bruce Wilderness Alliance Inc: Simon Bay, ON

LAND TRUSTS CONSERVATION FUND

The Natural Heritage Conservation Program (NHCP), established by Environment and Climate Change Canada, directly contributes to Canada's ambitious goal of conserving 30 per cent of its lands and waters by 2030 by enabling its delivery partners to secure and steward natural areas, develop tools and research to accelerate progress on conservation targets and support Indigenous-led conservation initiatives.

Through administering the Land Trusts Conservation Fund (LTCF) component of the NHCP, Wildlife Habitat Canada directly supports the local and regional land trust community to protect Canada's natural heritage through land securement and expand Canada's ability to meet nature and people's needs through capacity building.

In the 6th year of the program, 2,619.72 hectares were successfully conserved by local and regional land trusts. These lands provide crucial ecosystem services, connection to nature for local communities and provide habitat to countless species, including 41 unique Species at Risk.



PROJECT HIGHLIGHT: Blanche Peninsula - Nova Scotia Nature Trust

The Blanche Peninsula is one of the last highly biodiverse and intact coastal lands of its size in Nova Scotia. With funding from the NHCP-LTCF, local supporters and federal and provincial government, this ecological treasure has been protected – forever. Located on the Atlantic Flyway, the property is part of one of the most important coastal peninsulas in Nova Scotia for bird conservation, an incredible 174 bird species have been identified there.



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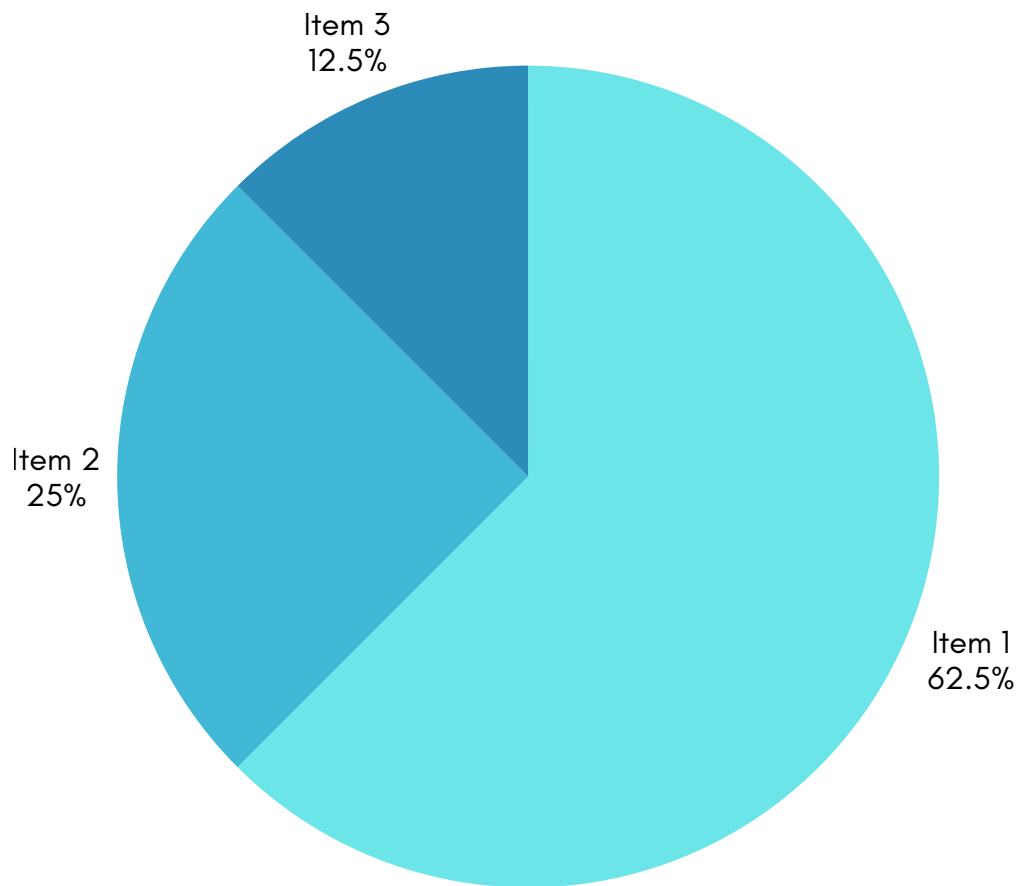




Photo Credit: Nova Scotia Nature Trust

2024-2025 GRANT AWARDEES

CCAP GRANT

- Be the Change Earth Alliance
- École Sainte-Hélène
- Green Calgary: Urban Nature Walks
- Hammond River Angling Association
- James Morden Public School, District School Board of Niagara
- Kingsmere Community Assoc. with Carleton University
- Nature Nova Scotia
- Peninsula Streams Society
- Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan (SK PCAP)

NHCP-LTCF SMALL GRANT

- Connexion Nature
- Corridor Appalachien
- Couchiching Conservancy
- Fondation pour la Conservation et la Protection Environnementale
- Greenough and North Bruce Wilderness Alliance Inc
- Haliburton Highlands Land Trust
- Huronia Land Conservancy
- Island Nature Trust
- Land Conservancy for Kingston, Frontenac, Lennox and Addington
- Long Point Basin Land Trust
- Rainy Lake Conservancy
- Rare Charitable Research Reserve
- Société de conservation du mont Brome

NHCP-LTCF LARGE GRANT

- Comox Valley Land Trust
- Corridor Appalachien
- Island Nature Trust

- Kawartha Land Trust
- Memphrémagog Nature Foundation
- Mississippi Madawaska Land Trust
- Nova Scotia Nature Trust
- Ontario Nature
- Southern Alberta Land Trust Society
- Thunder Bay Field Naturalists Club

STAMP GRANT

- Acadia University
- Alberta Hunter Education Instructor's Assoc.
- ALUS Middlesex
- BC Wildlife Federation
- Birds Canada
- Canadian Wetlands Roundtable
- Delta Farmland and Trust
- Delta Waterfowl
- Ducks Unlimited Canada
- Friends of Salmonier Nature Park
- Intervale Associates Inc.
- Invasive Species Centre
- Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority
- Manitoba Habitat Conservancy
- Manitoba Métis Federation
- Manitoba Wildlife Federation
- Nature Conservancy of Canada
- Okanagan Similkameen Stewardship Society
- Rural Lambton Stewardship Network
- South Nation Conservation
- Stewardship Association of Municipalities
- Stqeeye' Learning Society
- The Nature Trust of New Brunswick
- University of Alberta
- Watersheds Canada



Photo Credit: Island Nature Trust



Photo Credit: BC Wildlife Federation

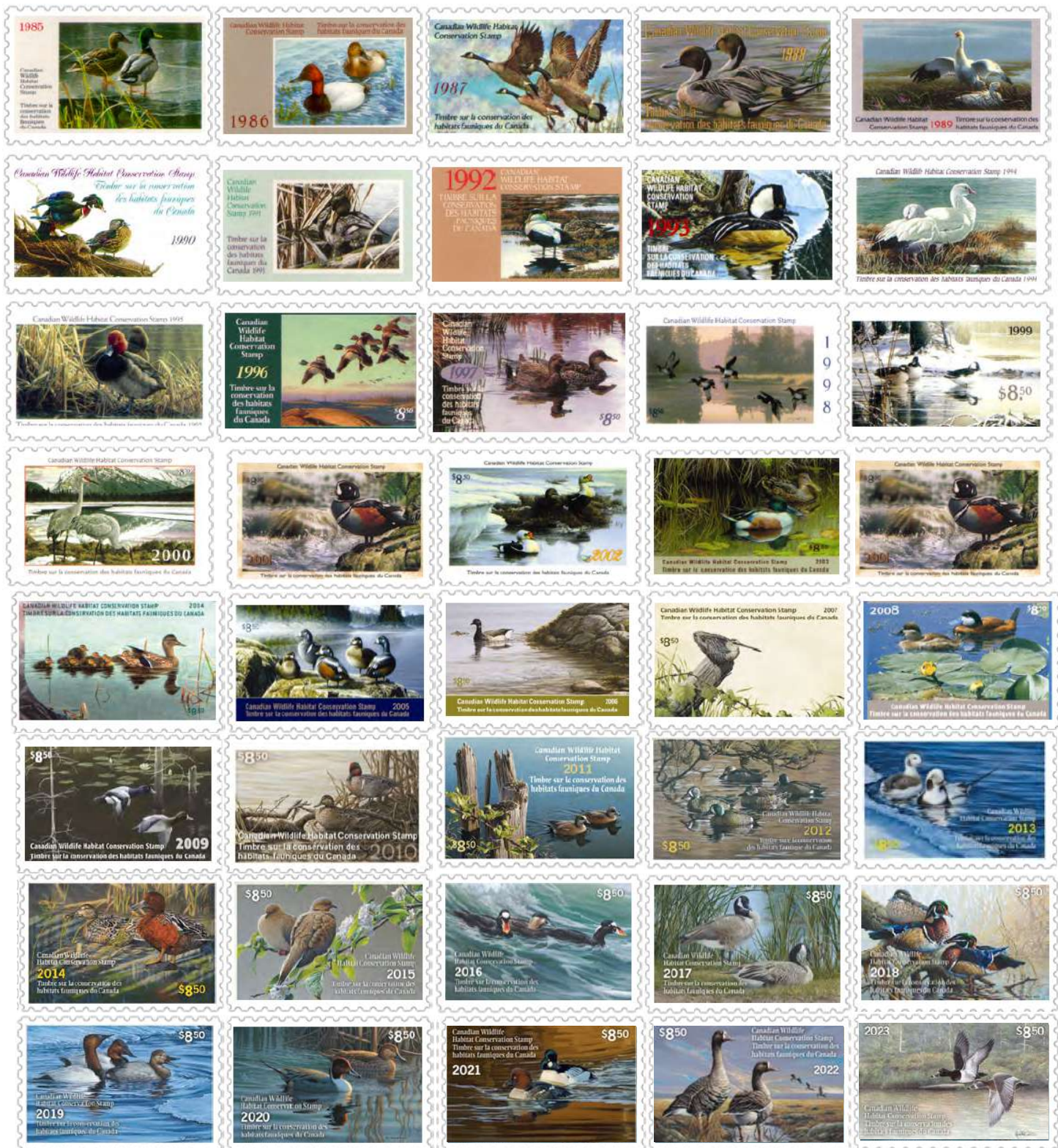


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