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*"If there is magic on the planet, it is contained in water."*

—Loran Eiseley, *The Immense Journey*



**Canadian Nature Federation**

Annual Report 2003-04

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# A year of adventure

## The Canadian Nature Federation 2003-04 Annual Report

There's adventure in the air when we launch a new year at the Canadian Nature Federation. In 2003-04 it crackled.

We had a brand new map in our hands—our first five-year strategic plan.

Many committed individuals helped create this map—people within our provincial affiliates who work night and day on nature's front line, our directors who regularly debate emerging issues, and many supporters who tell us what matters most in their own backyards and parks. All of these people are seeking a high-energy, assured future for the naturalist movement in Canada. The Canadian Nature Federation's direction is clear in the map they prepared and important milestones loom large.

CNF staff—our team of experienced conservation professionals and program administrators—used this new map to plan their program paths and made sure they had the essential tools, resources and contacts necessary for its successful implementation. Their focus was on setting priorities, travelling light, and going far.

Remember your last canoe trip? How terrific it is to be on the go with the wind at your back? How stimulating the sights and daily challenges can be? How practical you get and cheerful you feel even if it rains for days? How much you enjoy the conversation when you pause for a bite to eat? How great you feel when you reach the notch or rock or island you were aiming for?

That was what it was like for the Canadian Nature Federation in 2003-04 as we steered you closer to your goal of better protection for Canada's abundant species and amazing landscapes. And the good part—this trip has just begun!



## The starting point

The seeds of our organization were sown in 1939 when Reginald Whittemore launched the magazine *Canadian Nature* as a tribute to his late wife Mabel Frances. A decade later we grew into the membership-based Canadian Audubon Society and shouldered the great task of celebrating, understanding and protecting birds. Then in 1971, in the face of shocking and unprecedented stress in habitats around the globe, our focus expanded again. As the Canadian Nature Federation we pursued a broader conservation mandate in order to achieve better protection for all species.

Our roots run deep and our branches are strong. We still publish a very popular magazine—*Nature Canada*. We consistently make great efforts to conserve and protect birds. And our conservation mandate is as determined and vital as ever, drawing us into hemispheric projects, national advisory committees and the Green Budget Coalition.

## Our approach

The Canadian Nature Federation supporters—our members, our partners in conservation and our generous donors—celebrate nature. You see its beauty, recognize its power, and are grateful for its diversity. You stand on guard for nature, from the smallest of insects to the most complicated ecosystem.

The bar is set high for the Canadian Nature Federation's conservation activities. To protect one species, family or organism you must protect the whole, so we follow the ecosystem approach when assessing impacts and remediation strategies. We emphasize the importance of ecological monitoring and organize ways for all Canadians to participate in the great task of data collection. Our reports and new initiatives rely on sound, up-to-date scientific research. We stay closely tuned to international standards and developments.

With 40,000 individual supporters (members and donors), we raise a trusted voice on the national stage for the Nature Network—10 provincial affiliates, 107 member organizations and 249 other nature clubs.

## Conservation balance sheet

*Bright spots and dark corners in our conservation team's arena during fiscal year 2003-04.*

### Bright spots

- \$145 million in top-up funding announced in April for Canada's treasured system of national parks. This means Parks Canada has \$219 million set aside for the creation of 10 new national parks and five new national marine conservation areas.
- The Gulf Islands National Park Reserve off the BC coast, Canada's 40th national park, is created at a signing ceremony in May 2003.
- Canada's new Species at Risk Act comes into force June 5, 2003.
- The enormous Ukkusiksalik National Park in Nunavut is announced: 20,000 square kilometres near Wager Bay.
- The western North Atlantic population of humpback whales is removed from the federal list of species at risk and the northwest Atlantic population of harbour porpoises is down listed from threatened to special concern.
- New Brunswick's new Protected Natural Areas Act is proclaimed, protecting 10 natural areas with a total area of 143,000 hectares.
- A new National Wildlife Area is established on the Canadian Forces Base at Suffield, Alberta, home to more than 180 species of birds, including four that are considered nationally at risk of extinction.
- The Government of Newfoundland and Labrador decides to build the Trans-Labrador Highway outside the heart of the proposed Mealy Mountains National Park.

### Dark corners

- BC authorizes logging in its old growth forest, which is habitat for the endangered northern spotted owl.
- The Yukon government abandons its Protected Areas Strategy.
- The Government of Canada chooses not to press charges against the owners of Tecumseh Sea, the source of an enormous illegal oil slick off the east coast.
- Forty-nine species are added to the national list of species at risk, including the Pacific population of the sei whale, cusk fish, kidneyshell mollusc and Lemmon's holly fern.
- At the end of 2003 Canada has 441 species at risk, including 160 endangered, 108 threatened and 140 of special concern. In addition, 21 species are no longer found in the wild in Canada and 12 are extinct. In 2001 there were 380 species at risk.
- Two species are listed as endangered in Nova Scotia—mainland moose and boreal felt lichen.



## Message from the Chair and President

# Building the Nature Nation

At our dynamic Future Search conference in 2002, naturalists from across Canada came together to build the foundations of a powerful, visible and accessible Nature Network. The Canadian Nature Federation is moving forward with a 2003-04 strategic plan that expands our focus and sharpens our vision.

This challenging new map calls us to:

- 1) lead and act on issues of national importance, including habitat protection and broader diversity.
- 2) build a nature ethic within Canadian society with strong support for the protection of nature.
- 3) develop a skilled and very effective volunteer network of highly engaged and motivated people.

We set off on this great new venture in 2003. It took us to the heart of conservation issues brewing in the waters off the Gulf Islands in BC, through the prairie grassland at Suffield, Alberta, near Labrador's Mealy Mountains, around mines in the vicinity of Pukaskwa National Park, among rows of vegetables on Pelee Island and to a threatened forest ecosystem in faraway Paraguay, South America.

We have many good memories of the people we connected with and the recommendations we developed, which we share with you in the pages that follow. You will find a chronology of highlights from the fiscal year which started on April 1, 2003 and closed on March 31, 2004.

What's next? We continue to build the Nature Nation, strategically. We continue on our way with all the passion, creativity and determination that helps us accomplish our great task of leading people into nature.



Louise Gratton  
Chair



Julie Gelfand  
President



### Julie Gelfand, President

At the helm of our organization is a dynamic and committed leader, a member of the CNF team since 1992. Julie visits boardrooms and budget lock-ups, writes letters to members and hosts visitors, cheers on the staff and reports developments to the media. Her priority is to build the Nature Nation.

"We can be more visible within our communities. We need to reach many, many more people and turn them on to nature. We must double and triple our efforts to reach new Canadians and young people who either have a different relationship with nature or none at all. And we should do this in each of our 350-plus communities across the country. We have a huge challenge ahead of us that we can and will achieve. Nature depends on it!"

—Julie Gelfand,  
*Nature Canada* editorial, 2003



## The roots of our success

*The generous financial backing of our supporters helps us step forward on the national stage, rally support for leading causes and concerns, and build a superb voluntary network. Thank you!*

### **Champion's Circle** (\$50,000 and above)

Canadian International Development Agency  
The EJLB Foundation  
Walter & Duncan Gordon Foundation  
The Government of Canada's Stewardship  
for Species at Risk  
The Government of Canada's Voluntary Sector  
Initiative via Agriculture and Agri-Food  
Canada  
Laidlaw Foundation  
The J.W. McConnell Family Foundation  
George Cedric Metcalf Charitable Foundation  
TransCanada Corporation

### **Protector's Circle** (\$25,000 to \$49,999)

Environment Canada  
The Ontario Trillium Foundation

### **Defender's Circle** (\$10,000 to \$24,999)

Agrium Inc.  
BirdLife International  
Ducks Unlimited Canada  
Environment Canada's Ecological Monitoring  
and Assessment Network  
The Richard Ivey Foundation  
The McLean Foundation  
Wildlife Habitat Canada

### **Guardian's Circle** (\$1,000 to \$9,999)

John Deere Foundation of Canada  
General Motors of Canada Limited  
Inco Limited  
LGL Limited  
Helen McCrea Peacock Foundation  
Mining Association of Canada  
Mountain Equipment Co-op  
Nexen Inc.  
Rae & Lipskie Investment Counsel Inc.  
Shell Environmental Fund  
Weyerhaeuser Company Limited

### **Mabel Frances Whittemore Legacy Circle**

Passionate and dedicated people planning a gift or bequest in support of our future conservation work enter the legacy circle. These people truly make a difference.

### **Guardians of Nature**

Hundreds of individual Canadians support the Canadian Nature Federation's conservation programs with automatic monthly donations. This is the sap flowing in our organization's veins and we salute our stalwart guardians.

### **Members**

Among the more than 40,000 individuals who supported us financially in 2003-04, there is a cadre of more than 5,000 loyal Canadian Nature Federation members. These people have the right to participate in our annual meeting and resolutions. They are at the core of our activities and the foundation of who we are.

### **Special Thanks** (up to \$999)

Ingersoll-Rand Canada Inc.

### **Acknowledgements**

The Canadian Nature Federation gratefully acknowledges the Canadian Boreal Initiative for partnering with us again this year to protect Canada's boreal region.



## We lead and act on issues of national importance

*The Canadian Nature Federation successfully champions the protection of Canada's biodiversity to decision makers. Our Ottawa location offers a unique opportunity to work with the federal government on issues that matter to you. A host of breaking issues through the year and the conservation concerns raised at our lively annual meeting inspired the following public statements.*



**Caroline Schultz**  
**Director of Conservation**  
Caroline's abiding interest in international collaboration for nature conservation has been a driving force in her leadership of the BirdLife Americas partnership where she has served as Chair of the Americas Regional Council.



**Andrea Lockwood**  
**Assistant to the Director of Conservation**  
Andrea's assignments this year included representing all Canadian environmental groups in the Canadian delegation to the seventh meeting of the Parties to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, in Kuala Lumpur.

### Protecting habitat and species

June—The Canadian Nature Federation congratulates the Minister of Environment on bringing the **Species at Risk Act into force**. This signals the beginning of a major change to the regulatory landscape.

—The Canadian Nature Federation receives an **award** from Environment Minister David Anderson for our years of hard work within the Species at Risk Working Group. The Mining Association, Forest Products Association, Sierra Club and Canadian Wildlife Federation are our colleagues in the working group.

—The Green Budget Coalition, which the Canadian Nature Federation chairs, calls for reconsideration of proposed changes to **federal tax laws** that would reduce taxes for the mining, oil and gas industries.

—Our members applaud the **Suffield National Wildlife Area** in Alberta. They also express concern over insufficient water-use management in the Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, and newly relaxed zoning in Saskatchewan's Great Sand Hills area.

August—The Canadian Nature Federation warns that increased hunting, road kill and loss of habitat are likely impacts of a **proposed logging road** next to Ontario's Pukaskwa National Park boundary.

—The Canadian Nature Federation welcomes the much-anticipated announcement of the establishment of **Ukkusiksalik (Wager Bay) National Park** in Nunavut. Jackie Krindle, our past Chair, attends the signing ceremony in Iqaluit.

—The Canadian Nature Federation sounds an alarm about a proposal to construct recreational homes next to the extremely **fragile and threatened Greenwich Adjunct** of Prince Edward Island National Park, home to highly sensitive sand dunes and nesting habitat for the endangered piping plover.



October— The Canadian Nature Federation welcomes a **memorandum of understanding** for a new national park reserve in British Columbia's southern Okanagan region and two new national marine conservation area reserves (Gwaii Haanas and the Southern Strait of Georgia).

December— The Canadian Nature Federation congratulates the government for **moving authority** for Canada's national parks to the Minister of Environment.

January— The Canadian Nature Federation believes the environmental assessment of the **Mackenzie Valley pipeline** project in British Columbia must be a national priority. Of particular concern is the loss of carbon sinks, fragmentation of vital migratory bird habitat and risks of pipeline breakage.

— The Canadian Nature Federation recommends that the Government of New Brunswick reject a proposal to **rollback environmental protection measures**, increase subsidies to the forest industry and double the amount of softwood harvested on its crown lands by 2050.

February— The Canadian Nature Federation requests a federal environmental assessment of the newly proposed **Cheviot Mine** project and associated haul road right next to Jasper National Park, Alberta.

March— The Canadian Nature Federation applauds Newfoundland's decision to build the **Trans-Labrador Highway** outside the heart of the proposed Mealy Mountains National Park.

— The Canadian Nature Federation praises the Canadian and Manitoban governments for agreeing to work together towards the creation of the **Manitoba Lowlands National Park**.



**Marc Johnson**  
Manager of Protection Programs

"It felt great to be toasting the Suffield National Wildlife Area this year. The Department of Defence worked closely with Environment Canada and conservation groups to protect a stretch of precious prairie grassland, buzzing with wildlife!"



**Mara Kerry**  
Manager of International Projects: BirdLife International

Mara is applying her passion for bringing people and protected areas together through her work in Panama, Mexico and Paraguay. This is part of the Canadian Nature Federation's international program with BirdLife International.





## Bird and biodiversity conservation here and in the Americas

April—The Canadian Nature Federation urges the federal government to update its laws of the sea and support them with significant fines after charges are dropped against a Panamanian carrier accused of **illegally dumping oil** and causing oil-covered birds to wash ashore at Cape St. Mary's Important Bird Area in Newfoundland.

June—BirdLife International, of which the Canadian Nature Federation is a partner, stresses that Canada must not delay implementation of the Senate recommendation to protect at least 20 per cent of the **boreal forest**—only eight per cent is currently protected.

—The Canadian Nature Federation and Bird Studies Canada host a **landmark meeting** of European and North American BirdLife partners eager to promote bird conservation in Latin America and the Caribbean.

August—The Canadian Nature Federation's climate change project in Paraguay, in collaboration with our BirdLife International partner Guyra Paraguay, is profiled at an international workshop as a **model of conservation** and sustainable development gains from efforts to stem climate change.

October—The Canadian Nature Federation makes recommendations to science experts reviewing the **Pacific offshore** oil and gas moratorium. We say that the Pacific's marine ecosystems, including a number of Important Bird Areas, needs to be safeguarded by establishing a network of marine protected areas and upholding the moratorium.

—Panama's Rio Bayano, which is also the location of the Canadian Nature Federation's project in collaboration with the **Panama Audubon Society**, is designated a RAMSAR wetland of international significance.

—The Canadian Nature Federation's projects at the Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve in Mexico's Yucatan (in partnership with Amigos de Sian Ka'an), and the Rio Bayano coastal mangroves in the Upper Bay of Panama continue to meet a need for immediate conservation attention. These Important Bird Areas provide critical habitat for our **western sandpiper** and other Canadian migratory birds.



**Pierre Sadik**  
Green Budget Coalition  
Program Manager

This coalition of 20 of Canada's leading environmental and conservation groups is based out of the Canadian Nature Federation's office and managed by a lawyer with international environmental experience.



**Sarah Wren**  
Important Bird Areas  
Conservation Biologist

With a Masters degree from Memorial University, Sarah is putting her academic background and passion for bird conservation to work at the Canadian Nature Federation—and she likes to get birding whenever she can.



November—BirdLife International pledges substantial long-term support for international efforts to significantly reduce rates of **biodiversity loss** by 2010, as urged by the UN.

February—BirdLife International demands that **rich countries** fulfill their obligation of providing financial support for developing nations' conservation measures when discussing the UN Convention on Biological Diversity in Kuala Lumpur.

—The Canadian Nature Federation asserts, in response to a report on science issues in the Pacific offshore, that the priorities must be to set aside a **network of national marine protected areas** and maintain the Pacific offshore oil and gas moratorium.

March— The Canadian Nature Federation's complaint that Canada is failing to enforce the Migratory Birds Convention Act leads to a **full investigation** by the Commission for Environmental Cooperation, NAFTA's environmental watchdog agency.

— The Canadian Nature Federation's Communities in Action Program provides funding for five outstanding **habitat stewardship projects** to protect species at risk at Important Bird Areas: Pelee Island (Ontario); Napanee Limestone Plain (Ontario); Norfolk Forest (Ontario); Cape Sable (Nova Scotia); and Douglas Marsh (Manitoba).

—BirdLife International convenes a meeting of its global partners which highlighted the significant conservation **gains in the Americas** over the past four years.

*Thanks to you, our supporters, the Canadian Nature Federation focused attention on important conservation issues and helped many people improve habitat for birds and wildlife.*



**Ruth Catana**

**Director of Public Affairs**

One of Ruth's priorities this year was gathering resources and communicating our readiness to build the Nature Nation.



**Stephen Hazell**  
**Consultant**

A long-time leader in the conservation movement, Stephen is providing advice on how to improve the national wildlife area network and coordinating the engagement of conservation groups in the Mackenzie Valley pipeline assessment.



## We build support for nature protection



**Darcie Barnatt**  
Communications  
Coordinator

Darcie changed hats during the year, from manager of our affiliates file to overseer of our communications projects.



**Pamela Feeny**  
Nature Canada Editor

Under Pam's supervision, the Canadian Nature Federation published an extra issue of *Nature Canada* in 2003.

*Our magazine, Web site, brochures and presentations keep Canadians in touch with conservation issues and opportunities.*

April—The Canadian Nature Federation introduces **three new departments** in our flagship publication, *Nature Canada*: “Trailhead” keeps you up-to-date on national events and initiatives; “Bearings” presents facts, figures, maps and charts; and “Terra Firma” showcases on-the-ground conservation projects by grassroots organizations.

April, September, December—*Nature Canada* **profiles** three diverse Important Bird Areas: the Chaplin, Reed and Old Wives lakes IBAs in the Wood River watershed of Saskatchewan; a birder's paradise at Manitoba's Whitewater Lake; and wondrous Cape Sable in Nova Scotia.

May—The Canadian Nature Federation's Web site highlights **fun facts** about beavers, loons, black bears and moose—characters in our Young Voyageur Adventure Pack, which seeks to build a new generation of people who care about and want to protect Canada's natural wonders.

June—The Canadian Nature Federation presents our prestigious **Pimlott Award** to Cliff Wallis and Martha Kostuch, two Albertans who are outstanding protectors of wild spaces and prairie ecosystems.

July—The Canadian Nature Federation launches work on a **video** about the Meadowlark Organic Farm project, a demonstration project which supports biodiversity on Pelee Island, Ontario. The farm is a model for sustainable agricultural practices and its workers encourage better environmental stewardship throughout the community.

August—The Canadian Nature Federation becomes the national coordinator of the six-year-old **Living by Water** program. With a Web site, publications and mentoring program, we encourage more responsible habitat management at cottages, waterfront homes and campsites.

September—The Canadian Nature Federation sends out **26,000 copies** of our *Nature Canada* magazine to nature lovers across the country.



September—The Canadian Nature Federation unveils our **five-step action plan** to safeguard Environment Canada's National Wildlife Area network from off-road vehicle use and other perils. The plan is laid out in a stunning new booklet, *Wildlife in Crisis*.

October—The Canadian Nature Federation and the Mining Association of Canada bring together staff from **Pukaskwa National Park** in Ontario and three nearby mines to discuss how they can work together to protect the greater ecosystem.

January—The Canadian Nature Federation distributes a **calendar** highlighting National Wildlife Areas to all federal members of Parliament and attends the post-election media scrum to voice concern about the lack of attention to federal protected areas.

—The Canadian Nature Federation works with the Forest Products Association of Canada, the Canadian Wildlife Service and several provincial governments to examine how to reform the **Migratory Birds Convention Act**.

February—The Canadian Nature Federation's and Guyra Paraguay's climate change project is included as part of the Museum of Nature's climate change **travelling exhibit**.

—**The Green Budget Coalition** publishes op-eds and letters to the editor in three daily newspapers as Budget Day 2004 approaches.

March—Visitors to the Canadian Nature Federation's Web site are encouraged to support the creation of the **Scott Islands Marine Wildlife Area** off the British Columbia coast. Information is posted on the region, its wildlife and people, and the marine wildlife area initiative being advanced by Environment Canada.

*Thanks to you, our supporters, the Canadian Nature Federation produced many new publications and maintained a lively Web site in 2003-04 to help you be more effective in your efforts to protect birds and other wildlife.*



**Dan Sokolowski**  
**Designer**

The wizard behind the Canadian Nature Federation's Web site, *Nature Canada* magazine and many brochures, Dan has traveled through many of Canada's wild spaces.



**Michelle McLaren**  
**Conservation and  
Communications Officer**

Michelle joined the Canadian Nature Federation in early 2004 and has been working in conservation, to address issues of common concern across Canada, and in electronic communications, to strengthen Canada's Nature Network.





## We develop an effective volunteer network

*The Canadian Nature Federation's supporters—working outdoors or inside—express their passion for nature in many ways. It might mean fixing a feeding station, picking up a pen to write a letter to an MP, or counting frog songs, lady beetles or the days between freeze-up and thaw. Here are some highlights from our 2003-04 volunteer year.*

April—April Severin submits the winning entry in our Grass'n Roots newsletter **poetry competition** (see page 16).

May—The Canadian Nature Federation announces our support for **31 Communities in Action** conservation projects within the network of Important Bird Areas. These include an eagle watch education program in Squamish, British Columbia; a forest habitat assessment for birds at risk in southwestern Ontario; and a piping plover awareness and shoreline conservation program at Muriel Lake in Alberta. Over the last four years, the Communities in Action Program has delivered more than 130 on-the-ground conservation projects across Canada, with close to \$400,000 in funding.

—The Canadian Nature Federation hosts a 10-day **Building on Experience** program for BirdLife International, which boosts the management capabilities of partner organizations in 17 countries around the globe.

June—The Canadian Nature Federation's **annual general meeting** in Alberta is a success thanks to the hard work of local hosts, the Grasslands Naturalists and the Medicine Hat Interpretive Program. The event includes early morning birding expeditions and more than 20 field trips, such as exploring the Cypress Hills and Dinosaur and Writing-on-Stone provincial parks, and canoeing down the South Saskatchewan River.

July— The Canadian Nature Federation's community-based **ecological monitoring project**, in partnership with the Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network Coordinating Office, yields results as the project unfolds in 31 communities across the country. Participation in these local monitoring projects, such as water sampling in New Brunswick and tracking the effects of erosion in British Columbia, builds capacity and generates public participation in local government.



**David Atkinson**  
Education and Outreach  
Manager

"A well-designed education program can often speak for itself, but the real magic happens when programs are delivered by our committed and caring partners throughout the Nature Nation."



**Kate MacNeil**  
Coordinator, Stewardship  
Programs

Kate works with community groups to implement on-the-ground conservation at Important Bird Areas through the Communities in Action program. She also works on our sustainable agricultural program to promote practices that benefit people and biodiversity.



November—The Canadian Nature Federation asks our readers and supporters to choose a nearby body of water and record the freeze and thaw dates for the **IceWatch** program. We issue postcards to volunteers, connecting them to scientists eager for this data. Also this year, we encouraged readers to participate in Project FeederWatch, a partnership between the Canadian Nature Federation, Bird Studies Canada, National Audubon Society and Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

January— The Canadian Nature Federation hosts the **provincial affiliates meeting** of 10 provincial and territorial nature federations at the hub of our network. Several new committees are formed.

—The Canadian Nature Federation prepares a background paper on the impact of **off-road vehicles** in protected areas—a priority of the Nature Network.

— The Canadian Nature Federation's Communities in Action Program receives 29 applications for **habitat improvement**, monitoring and education projects from community groups.

March— The Canadian Nature Federation completes the final elements of a multi-faceted Voluntary Sector Initiative project. With partners across Canada, the Canadian Nature Federation is promoting **sustainable agricultural practices** in two pilot stewardship projects, a manual on environmental stewardship for youth in agricultural communities, a guide to monarch butterfly habitat conservation and restoration for landowners, and a Birds on the Farm publication produced by one of our provincial affiliates, the Federation of Ontario Naturalists.

*Thanks to you, our supporters, the Canadian Nature Federation was able to strengthen its links with other nature groups and determined individuals in 2003-04. The result: stronger campaigns and more on-the-ground projects.*



**Jodi Joy**  
**Annual Fund Manager**

Jodi steers the program that connects the Canadian Nature Federation to its members and individual supporters. She is a nature lover herself as well as the person behind our welcome, reminder and thank you letters.



**Sue Robertson**  
**Fundraising Coordinator**

If you go to an annual meeting you will likely meet our practical and thoughtful colleague Sue, planning banquets and greeting members.

## Volunteers make the difference!

*The remarkable achievements of committed and effective naturalists are recognized each year by the Canadian Nature Federation.*



### **2003 Volunteer Awards**

The Canadian Nature Federation salutes a trio of Albertans who work tirelessly in nature's arena: Dawn Dickinson of the Federation of Alberta Naturalists and Grasslands Naturalists, Sandra Foss of Calgary Field Naturalists, and Carol Porter of Grasslands Naturalists, pictured above with Canadian Nature Federation Chair Louise Gratton.



### **2003 Pimlott Award**

Cliff Wallis and Martha Kostuch received the Canadian Nature Federation's top prize in 2003. These two fought a legendary fight against Alberta's Oldman Dam in the 1990's, taking their demand for full environmental assessment to the Supreme Court. We celebrate these hard working and effective leaders of the nature nation!





## The Nature Network

We connect a countrywide network made up of ten provincial and territorial affiliates and hundreds of naturalist clubs.



### May we listen to the Earth

*May we be  
strong as wind  
brave as leaves  
wise as trees  
light as birds  
open as wings  
free as feathers*

*may we listen,  
listen to the Earth  
all ways  
always*

—April A. Severin





# Summarized Financial Statements of the Canadian Nature Federation

Year ended March 31, 2004

## AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

The accompanying summarized statements of financial position and operations and changes in fund balances are derived from the complete financial statements of the Canadian Nature Federation as at March 31, 2004 and for the year then ended on which we expressed an opinion without reservation in our report dated May 12, 2004. The fair summarization of the complete financial statements is the responsibility of 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 Federation's financial position, results of operations and cash flows, reference should be made to the related complete financial statements.



Chartered Accountants

Ottawa, Canada  
May 12, 2004



**Dana Imbeault**  
**Director of Finance**

A highly accomplished administrator, Dana joined the Canadian Nature Federation team just in time for our annual year-end audit.



**Peggy Nowosad**  
**Accountant**

Peggy joined us after a recent move from British Columbia, where she worked with the provincial government and in a non-profit scientific facility.



**CANADIAN NATURE FEDERATION**

## Summarized Statement of Financial Position

Year ended March 31, 2004, with comparative figures for 2003

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b> (Restated)
<b>Assets</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 285,610	\$ 371,925
Short-term investments	34,306	2,306
Amounts receivable	193,883	329,825
Inventory	5,753	12,694
Prepaid expenses	67,057	105,130
	<hr/> 586,609	<hr/> 821,880
Capital assets	410,789	415,920
Long-term investments	1,395,457	1,372,925
Investment in life insurance	11,993	10,972
	<hr/> \$ 2,404,848	<hr/> \$ 2,621,697

**Liabilities, Deferred Contributions and Fund Balances**

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 79,130	\$ 312,921
Deferred contributions	824,983	875,560
Deferred revenue—life insurance	11,993	10,972
Fund balances:		
Invested in capital assets	410,789	415,920
Restricted by board	1,254,918	1,161,094
Net asset deficiency	(176,965)	(154,770)
	<hr/> 1,488,742	<hr/> 1,422,244
	<hr/> \$ 2,404,848	<hr/> \$ 2,621,697

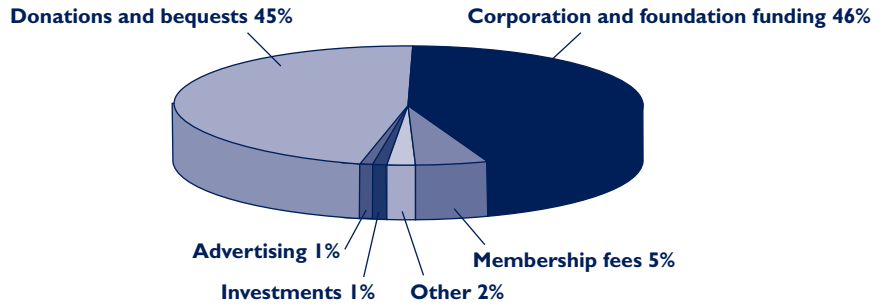
**CANADIAN NATURE FEDERATION**

## Summarized Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances

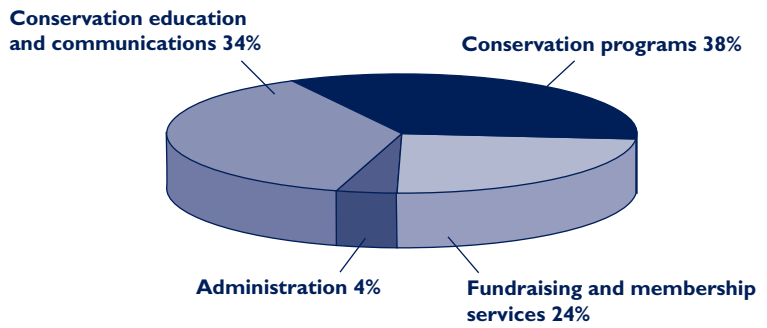
Year ended March 31, 2004, with comparative figures for 2003

	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b> (Restated)
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Donations and bequests	\$ 1,612,556	\$ 1,608,216
Membership fees	187,215	185,430
Corporation and foundation funding	1,684,788	1,919,073
Advertising	34,213	29,002
Other	66,212	56,765
Interests and dividends	44,785	38,608
Gain (loss) on disposal of investments	2,473	(847)
	<hr/> 3,632,242	<hr/> 3,836,247
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Conservation programs	1,361,139	1,051,471
Conservation education and communications	1,217,180	1,745,550
Fundraising and membership services	847,939	774,883
Administration	139,486	79,052
Write-down of investments	—	23,830
	<hr/> 3,565,744	<hr/> 3,674,786
Excess of revenues over expenses	66,498	161,461
Fund balances, beginning of year	1,422,244	1,260,783
Fund balances, end of year	<hr/> \$ 1,488,742	<hr/> \$ 1,422,244

## Revenues



## Expenses



## **Canadian Nature Network**

**Federation of Alberta Naturalists**

[www.fanweb.ca](http://www.fanweb.ca)

**Federation of British Columbia Naturalists**

[www.naturalists.bc.ca](http://www.naturalists.bc.ca)

**Federation of Nova Scotia Naturalists**

[www.chebucto.ns.ca/Environment/FNSN/menu.html](http://www.chebucto.ns.ca/Environment/FNSN/menu.html)

**Manitoba Naturalists Society**

[www.manitobanature.ca](http://www.manitobanature.ca)

**Natural History Society of  
Newfoundland and Labrador Inc.**

[www.nhs.nf.ca](http://www.nhs.nf.ca)

**Natural History Society of  
Prince Edward Island Ltd.**

[www.isn.net/~nhspei/nhsAbout.htm](http://www.isn.net/~nhspei/nhsAbout.htm)

**Nature Saskatchewan**

[www.naturesask.com](http://www.naturesask.com)

**New Brunswick Federation of Naturalists–  
Fédération des naturalistes du**

**Nouveau-Brunswick**

[www.naturenb.ca](http://www.naturenb.ca)

**Ontario Nature**

[www.ontarionature.org](http://www.ontarionature.org)

**Union québécoise pour la  
conservation de la nature**

[www.uqcn.qc.ca](http://www.uqcn.qc.ca)