

Connecting People To Nature



*"Worlds can be found by a
child and an adult bending
down and looking together
under the grass stems or at the
skittering crabs in a
tidal pool."*

~Mary Catherine Bateson



MISSION

Nature Canada protects nature, its diversity, and the processes that sustain it. With strategies based on sound science and passion for nature, Nature Canada effects change on issues of national significance, including bird conservation, wilderness protection, species at risk and national parks.

Nature Canada is a member-based non-profit nature conservation organization whose network includes 40,000 supporters and more than 350 naturalist organizations across Canada.

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO NATURE

NATURE CANADA 2005-06 ANNUAL REPORT



Canadians are fortunate. We live in a country rich with natural diversity — beautiful national parks, thousands of lakes, three ocean coasts, an incredible diversity of bird and animal species, some of the world's wildest rivers, and forests filled with breathtaking old-growth trees — a total of 20 per cent of the planet's wilderness.

Nature Canada believes that every Canadian should feel connected to the vast natural world that surrounds us. Reginald Whitemore founded Nature Canada over 65 years ago in honour of his late wife Mabel Frances, an educator and nature lover whose main goal in life was to share her passion for nature with others. Since then we have worked hard to help people make, and keep, a connection to nature.

We are sustained as an organization by the passion and effort of individuals in every province and territory. They are people who have felt a connection to nature and acted to nurture it. They are people whose work makes it possible for others to benefit from nature, and whose support allows Nature Canada to fulfill its mission.

Every year, in partnership with Nature Canada or through our programs, thousands of tireless, dedicated volunteers help to protect our threatened wilderness, educate others about nature's wonders, and share in a celebration of all that nature offers.

Volunteers patrol the beaches of Atlantic Canada to protect piping plovers during their nesting season. Local naturalists introduce children to new worlds through the Parks and People program. Families explore the outdoors and record what they see for our NatureWatch programs. Advocates for nature write letters to elected officials to encourage them to act in nature's interest. Together, these people make up the Nature Nation.

This annual report reflects the commitment and passion that people at Nature Canada and throughout the Canadian Nature Network have for our treasured species and spaces. Through cooperation and shared enthusiasm, we will continue to protect Canada's nature for the whole world to enjoy.

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Building the Canadian Nature Network

The Canadian Nature Network is working hard to build connections among naturalists in all parts of the country - to make the CNN as big as the country itself. With dreams of building a network that is as active and forceful as can be, the CNN is joining Canadians in nature conservation from coast to coast to coast. The network represents over 360 local and provincial nature groups and more than 100,000 individuals — a wide variety of naturalists including birders, gardeners, activists, parents, grandparents, volunteers, and community groups. Experience has taught us that successful and effective nature conservation needs the collaboration and cooperation of local communities, and that is why the CNN is invaluable for delivering on-the-ground conservation across Canada. As the CNN secretariat, Nature Canada takes great pride in building a network that empowers and connects naturalists in all eco-regions of Canada.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND CHAIR



BUILDING A NATURE NATION ONE PERSON AT A TIME

At Nature Canada, we firmly believe that when your heart is engaged, your mind and body will follow.

Since our founding in 1939, Nature Canada has been connecting Canadians to nature, instilling within each of us a respect for nature, an appreciation for its wonders, and a will to act in nature's defense. It's helping to create a nature ethic. Today, Nature Canada has grown to become Canada's leading nature conservation organization.

We are happy to report that through our conservation work this year, we have been able to introduce thousands of children to nature; protect wildlife, plants and habitat for future generations; educate people about the benefits of nature to humankind; and recruit more nature enthusiasts to the cause of protecting nature.

Through an initiative with Parks Canada Agency we call the Parks and People program, more than 27,000 children have hiked, walked, camped or explored the outdoors in national, provincial or local parks across Canada in the last two years alone. During that same period, we have supported close to 60 different projects with roughly \$215,000 in funding.

We have also worked hard to involve Canadians in defending our protected areas in Canada. For example, thanks to the many supporters who joined our letter-writing campaign, the federal government will establish an independent review panel to conduct an environmental assessment of the impact drilling would have in Suffield National Wildlife Area in Alberta. This is a critical first step in the fight to protect this unique area of prairie grassland.

Nature Canada also remains committed to keeping common birds common — in our cities, parks, farmland, shores and protected areas, including 597 Important Bird Areas. Sadly, one in eight of the world's birds are threatened with global extinction, and of the 428 bird species that regularly breed in Canada, 55 are on the national list of endangered species.

That's why since 1996 Nature Canada has been a part of BirdLife International, a global alliance of conservation groups and research institutions like ours in more than 100 countries working to identify and protect the world's most critical sites for birds. In particular we have strengthened our partnership with South American countries like Paraguay, Argentina, Ecuador and Panama, who share our birds for part of the year.

Last year we supported 10 community-based bird conservation programs across Canada through the Communities in Action Program. Since 1996, we have supported more than 150 grassroots projects and invested close to \$450,000 in on-the-ground projects involving 100 Important Bird Areas.

We thank every person who supports us in fulfilling our mission. Supporters like you understand the deep responsibility Canadians have to protect this country's natural heritage. Our water, our trees, our plants and animals — rare and common — they define this land and its people.

Yet, as our country becomes increasingly urbanized, Canadians are losing their connection to the natural world. To protect our natural heritage we must engage Canadians from coast to coast or risk losing forever the natural richness our planet provides for generations to come.

With you, we will work towards a vision of Canada as the Nature Nation, where threatened species and ecosystems are protected, common species are conserved, ecological integrity is maintained and the natural world is embraced by all Canadians every day.

We encourage you to read this annual report to learn more about our activities over the last year. We hope you find it as energizing and inspiring as we do to look back at the year's activities and look ahead to future successes.

Mark Dorfman
Chair

Julie Gelfand
President

PEOPLE ARE THE ROOTS OF OUR SUCCESS

The generous support of our corporate and foundation partners 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 +)

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Canadian International Development Agency
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Environment Canada
Parks Canada Agency
The J.W. McConnell Family Foundation
The W. Garfield Weston Foundation

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of Canada as
the Nature Nation.

Our family of naturalists — birders, gardeners, activists, parents, grandparents, volunteers, and community groups — are at the core of our activities and the foundation of who we are.



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MABEL FRANCES WHITEMORE LEGACY CIRCLE

People who plan a special gift or bequest in support of our future conservation work enter into our Mabel Frances Whittemore Legacy Circle. We welcome the following members to our legacy circle this year: Diana M. Bainbridge, Judith E.W. Carder, Dr. Wm. A. & Lois Lang, Barbara Vengshoel, & two benefactors who wish to remain anonymous. They join their 41 fellow members:

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| Ronald and Muriel Bremner | William Kellet |
| Ruth Catana | Tracy Kerluke |
| Christie Chute | Jackie Krindle |
| Sheila Whittemore Davies
and Family | Cliff Matthews |
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| Nadine Fowler | William John Pratt |
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| Dr. Brian Hitchon | Cliff Wallis |
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| Lori Holowaychuk | Richard Yank |
| Stuart and Mary Houston | Doug and Joanne Zbetnoff
and two additional
benefactors who wish to
remain anonymous. |
| Cendrine Huemer
and Matthew Owers | |
| Lawrence Kane | |

LEGACY DONORS

We are saddened by the passing of the following members whose passion and commitment to nature conservation will be greatly missed.

Estate of Amy Jeannette Alton, Estate of Carl Madison Boyd, Estate of Reginald William Jennings, Estate of Anne MacDonald, Estate of George Wilfred Machell, Estate of Gwendolyn Claire Prattis.

The Board and staff are grateful for their thoughtful legacy gifts in support of our conservation efforts.

GUARDIANS OF NATURE

Thousands of individual Canadians support Nature Canada's conservation programs with monthly donations. These donations allow us to respond quickly to the most pressing threats to Canada's nature the moment they arise. We salute every one of them.

SUPPORTERS

Nature Canada has more than 40,000 individual supporters. Our family of naturalists — birders, gardeners, activists, parents, grandparents, volunteers, and community groups — are at the core of our activities and the foundation of who we are.

PEOPLE PROTECTING NATURE

Thanks to the efforts of thousands of volunteers, supporters, the board of directors and staff at Nature Canada and throughout the network...

The safety of Canada's seabirds has been advanced.

In response to intensive efforts by Nature Canada, Bill C-15 was enacted to ensure that shipping companies and their ships' officers are held accountable if they illegally dump bilge oil in Canadian waters. The new law protects birds from chronic oil pollution at sea and could prevent the deaths of some 300,000 seabirds annually off the coast of Newfoundland alone.

Mega-development in the Mackenzie Valley is being opposed.

Nature Canada has publicly denounced a \$7-billion natural gas pipeline project that will irreversibly harm important breeding and staging grounds for boreal birds in the Mackenzie River Delta, and released a report warning the project's impact on birds and bird habitat has not been adequately assessed. The area is home to over 60,000 shorebirds such as Red-necked Phalaropes, Whimbrels, and Lesser Golden Plovers, and includes the significant and fragile habitat of the Kendall Island Migratory Bird Sanctuary.

Stewardship within Canada's Important Bird Areas (IBAs) remains strong.

Community care of local bird habitat is essential for the health of our IBA system — and for the birds. In 2005, Nature Canada supported 10 community-based bird conservation programs across Canada to support local stewardship and restoration efforts. We have also set a plan in motion to concentrate future conservation work at 10 of Canada's most biologically significant or threatened IBAs.

Migratory birds — in Canada and abroad — are being protected.

Working with BirdLife partners in the Americas, Nature Canada implemented a hemispheric project on waterbird conservation, participated in talks to make the Convention on Biological Diversity more effective, and continued to oversee projects in Mexico, Panama and Paraguay.

A clear vision for Canada's National Wildlife Areas is forming.

Nature Canada is working with ENGO partners, individual naturalists and organizations nationwide to develop clear science, policy, and stewardship recommendations for a strong NWA system. And when threats arise to existing NWAs, Nature Canada has acted. We shone a spotlight on the threat of development inside Suffield National Wildlife Area by launching a successful campaign to gain a full panel environmental assessment of proposed shallow gas wells inside the protected area.

Canada's National Parks system is drawing closer to completion.

Nature Canada helped advance the potential expansion of Waterton Lakes National Park by providing technical expertise to officials from British Columbia's Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources. At the other end of the country, we continued our campaign to declare a National Park in the Mealy Mountains area of Labrador.

Thousands of families are closer to nature.

In the first year of the Parks and People program, Nature Canada and Parks Canada Agency helped connect more than 14,000 kids with nature, through 31 different projects. Future environmental stewards hiked, walked, camped or explored the outdoors in national, provincial or local parks across Canada, guided by local naturalists. Citizen scientists from coast to coast took part in NatureWatch, our suite of national volunteer monitoring programs that encourage participants to learn about the environment while gathering data scientists need to monitor and protect it.

Public policymakers are listening to the voice of the naturalist.

Since Nature Canada's instrumental role in turning Canada's Species at Risk Act into reality, Nature Canada has been vigilant in demanding this federal legislation be fully enforced. On the provincial level, we joined leading Alberta-based conservation groups in demanding a better recovery plan for the Woodland Caribou in Jasper National Park. And on the budget front, Nature Canada continues to chair the Green Budget Coalition, a collective of Canada's leading environmental and conservation groups who submit priority recommendations for each annual federal budget, and advance the understanding and use of ecological fiscal reform.



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UPCLOSE PROTECTED AREAS IN JEOPARDY

Suffield National Wildlife Area near Medicine Hat, Alberta is home to 14 species of plants and animals at risk of extinction in Canada. Soon, it could also be home to 1,275 shallow gas wells and 220km of pipeline if a proposed drilling project is allowed to proceed. Just two years after the Government of Canada established the NWA within the Canadian Forces Base at Suffield, Alberta, this proposed drilling project threatens one of the last remaining large intact pieces of pristine prairie grasslands in Canada. If the drilling permit is granted it would set a chilling precedent, calling into question the validity of the National Wildlife Area system. In addition to mounting a letter-writing campaign to oppose the drilling, Nature Canada joined forces with other national and provincial organizations in calling for a full public hearing. On April 25, 2006 the campaign reached a critical first step when the federal government announced that an independent review panel, the most rigorous assessment option possible, would be called to assess the environmental impact of drilling in Suffield National Wildlife Area. But the area is not safe yet. Nature Canada will continue to participate in the environmental review process to ensure that Suffield's grasslands, sand hills, river breaks and wetlands remain undisturbed.

Since 1989, Nature Canada has helped to protect over 63 million acres of precious wildlife habitat in Canada.

PROTECTED AREAS

The greatest threat to the diversity of natural life on this planet is the loss and destruction of habitat that sustains plant and animal species. Protected areas conserve some of our most important wild lands, helping to preserve biodiversity and to maintain the natural processes that provide us with clear air and water. Yet Canada has set aside less than seven per cent of its land for protection — a small fraction of our vast country, ranking an embarrassing 61st internationally for the percentage of lands we protect.

Nature Canada keeps a constant watch on government plans to create protected areas, and undertakes projects that encourage the development of an effective network of parks and protected areas from coast to coast to coast. In order to reach this goal, we work to complete Canada's National Parks system, and to safeguard individual parks from threats to their ecological integrity. We also work to strengthen Canada's system of National Wildlife Areas and Migratory Bird Sanctuaries so that vital habitat for migratory birds and species at risk is preserved.

DARK CORNER MINE TO PROCEED ON JASPER'S DOORSTEP

Thanks to a decision from Canada's Federal Court, a massive open-pit coal mine is scheduled to be built on the doorstep of Jasper National Park despite serious concerns from conservation groups from across the country and officials within the federal government. The development will destroy habitat for grizzly bears and thousands of migratory birds. Conservation groups, including Nature Canada, are reviewing the decision to determine if there are grounds for appeal.



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BIRD CONSERVATION LOCAL, NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL

As our best-known group of living things, birds do so much for us. They keep our ecosystems running smoothly by controlling rodents and insect pests, scavenging wastes and pollinating plants. Sadly, many of Canada's birds have suffered severe population declines over the past decades due to mounting pressures on their habitats and populations, both here in Canada and abroad.

Of the 428 bird species that regularly breed in Canada, 90 per cent migrate beyond our borders in the winter months and, therefore, rely on the maintenance of healthy habitat in more than one country.

For this reason, Nature Canada treats bird conservation as an international activity with governments, biologists, planners, birders and non-government experts working to conserve species throughout their ranges.

As a Canadian co-partner with Bird Studies Canada in the global partnership known as BirdLife International, Nature Canada works strategically to conserve birds, their habitats and global biodiversity. Here in Canada we support the Important Bird Areas program, empower Canadians to become stewards making a difference for our country's birds, and share information with global partners on land-use, political and economic issues.

Our affiliation with BirdLife International enables us to collaborate with other partners in the Americas to support bird and biodiversity conservation projects where unsustainable economic development poses an imminent threat to bird habitat.

With the help of our partners across the country and around the world, Nature Canada is making sure that common birds stay common.



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THE FRASER RIVER ESTUARY CANADA'S TOP IBA

The Fraser River Estuary is often considered to be Canada's top bird area. Comprised of Boundary Bay, Roberts Bank, and Sturgeon Bank, this 400-square-kilometre biome located just south of Vancouver, supports 333 bird species and is comprised of seashore, intertidal mud flats, estuaries, salt marshes, farmland and urban areas. Noted for its species diversity, the region hosts the most qualifying species of any IBA in Canada and is vitally important for several waterfowl and shorebird species, millions of which migrate through the area during their annual migration. In order to protect this large IBA from threats such as pollution, invasive species, irresponsible recreation and tourism, oil slicks and development, Nature Canada has been a supporter of the Birds on the Bay festival, an annual celebration focused on raising awareness among local people about the area's birds and the region's international designation as an Important Bird Area.

THE BIRDLIFE INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

Since 1999, Canada has been working with BirdLife International partners in Panama and Mexico to enhance the conservation status of two sites that are of critical importance to Canadian migratory birds. After six years of implementing conservation and development activities in communities living in, and adjacent to, the Sian Ka'an biosphere reserve in Mexico, and the Rio Bayano, a core watershed in the Upper Bay of Panama, conservation status of both areas has improved dramatically.

In Sian Ka'an, local ecotourism cooperatives have been formed, training in bird guiding and English language skills have advanced, and community members are now actively engaged in sustainable ecotourism activities that bring income directly into the three communities. Now, three guides trained by this initiative are leading groups of foreign birders as part of the famous Yucatan Birding Festival, held each fall in Merida, Mexico.

When the initiative started in Panama, the Rio Bayano area of the Upper Bay of Panama had no formal protection. Today, the site is officially recognized as having international significance under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands and also a Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network Site of Hemispheric Importance, ensuring a long-term commitment to conservation by the Panamanian government. Every year, the Upper Bay of Panama is visited by as many as two million shorebirds that travel from North America, through the Isthmus of Panama, and into South America.

As the Canadian co-partner in BirdLife International, Nature Canada has helped to develop conservation plans for 136 IBAs in Canada since 1996.



EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Nature Canada seeks to foster a better understanding of nature and the role Canadians can play in protecting it. Our publications, educational programs and materials raise awareness of issues, provide tools and sound advice, and encourage everyone to play a part in conserving Canada's natural heritage.

Our print and online materials provide timely information about conservation issues, important nature news, and profiles of special natural areas.

Our NatureWatch and Species at Risk materials are used by naturalists and educators alike to help with species identification, educational programming, and to provide environmental data to scientists.

We deliver programs that encourage the nature ethic through hands-on involvement. The Parks and People program is fostering the next generation of environmental stewards by providing opportunities for urban youth to experience nature through experiences with local naturalists. The Living By Water Project is providing Canadians with a wide range of tools, resources and information designed to help protect and restore shorelines across Canada.



Haida Gwaii Roots and Shoots

UPCLOSE PARKS, PEOPLE, AND PASSION

Through the Parks and People program, more than 27,000 children will have hiked, walked, camped, or explored the outdoors in national, provincial, or local parks by early 2007.

The Parks and People program was highly successful in its first year of cultivating the next generation of environmental stewards. Established jointly with Parks Canada Agency and Nature Canada, the Parks and People program helped 14,000 young Canadians discover the wonder of Canada's natural parks through learning experiences offered by passionate naturalists. From seeing Haida mortuary poles in Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve to cross-country skiing in Ontario's Wye Marsh — all 28 projects funded in the first year varied greatly, but the objectives were the same. Projects delivered through the program aim to provide opportunities for environmental citizen mentors to deliver learning experiences that show their support for the protection of nature, and focus on conserving and protecting Canada's natural heritage. The ultimate goal of the program is to bring Canadians into intimate contact with nature, to nurture a deep passion for nature and motivate people to become ongoing, active and responsible stewards of the environment.

WOODLAND CARIBOU – DISAPPEARING SYMBOL OF THE BOREAL

In December 2005, Nature Canada joined seven other leading national and Alberta environmental organizations to file a legal petition asking the federal government to issue an emergency order under the *Species at Risk Act (SARA)* to protect Alberta's remaining Woodland Caribou and their habitat. One of the most emblematic species of Canada's boreal wilderness, Woodland Caribou are at particular risk of extinction in Alberta where their numbers have dropped by almost 60 per cent since the 1960s. There are currently fewer than 3,000 Woodland Caribou left in Alberta, a number of great concern to Nature Canada as the presence of the caribou is a primary indicator of the health of entire boreal forest ecosystems. Many herds face imminent extinction under current plans for oil, gas and forestry developments. The Alberta government has failed to respond to the petition and continues to permit logging in all of the remaining caribou ranges in west-central Alberta and most ranges in northern Alberta — a practice that could see the caribou extirpated from the province in less than 40 years. Nature Canada's message is simple — the plight of the caribou is desperate. It is the responsibility of the federal government to issue an emergency order under the *Species at Risk Act* and save the Woodland Caribou.

Nature Canada was instrumental in getting a strong *Species at Risk Act* passed in June 2003, and is working to ensure effective delivery of this important legislation.



SPECIES AT RISK

Every year, more and more of Canada's treasured animals and plants are threatened by extinction. In April 2006, the scientific Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada added 32 more animal and plant species to Canada's species at risk list, including the White Shark, endangered in Atlantic waters, the Western painted Turtle, endangered on the pacific coast, and the Golden-winged Warbler, threatened in central Canada.

Today, 529 species are at risk nationally. This includes 13 species that are already extinct.

For roughly 75 per cent of these species, the loss and degradation of their habitat — their home — is the central cause of their endangerment. Pollution, poaching and the growing effects of climate change are also threats that species face every day.

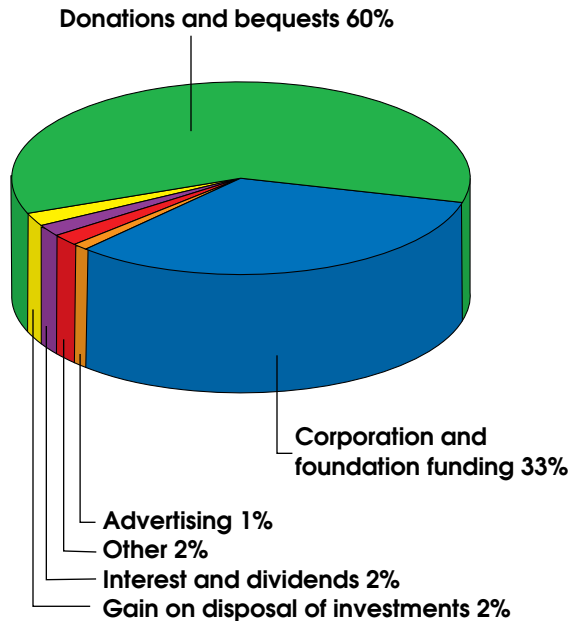
Nature Canada is working to reverse this trend by informing the public about the plight of Canada's species at risk, pushing for effective laws and supporting programs to protect endangered species and their habitats.

DARK CORNER

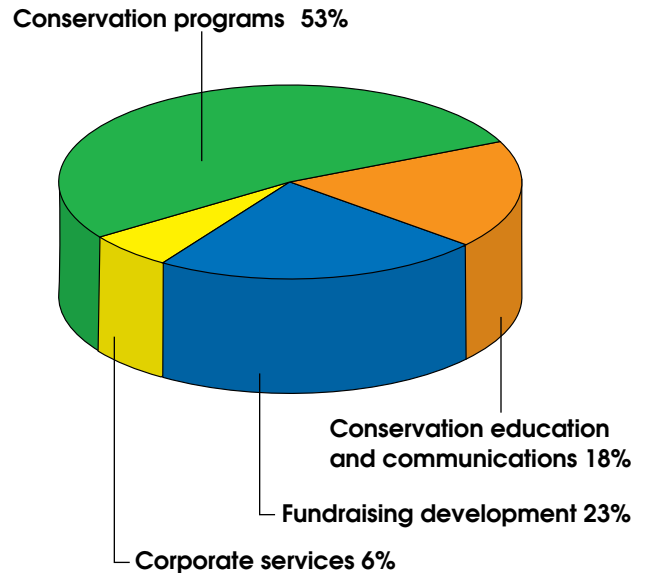
At the end of 2004 there were 455 species classified by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) as being at risk. Currently 529 species are in various COSEWIC risk categories, including 206 Endangered, 135 Threatened, 153 Special Concern, and 22 Extirpated. In addition, 13 are Extinct and 41 are Data Deficient. This increase of 74 species in one year is unacceptable.

NATURE CANADA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP 2005-06

SOURCES OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT



BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDITURES



SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF NATURE CANADA

Year ended March 31, 2006

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 Nature Canada as at March 31, 2006 and for the year then ended on which we expressed an opinion without reservation in our report dated June 9, 2006. The fair summarization of the complete financial statements is the responsibility of the Organization'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
Ottawa, Canada
June 9, 2006

SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF NATURE CANADA (cont.)

Statement of Financial Position

March 31, 2006, with comparatives for 2005

	2006	2005 (Restated)
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 78,101	\$ 277,668
Short-term investments	37,997	19,000
Amounts receivable	119,865	118,777
Inventory	1,666	574
Prepaid expenses	19,927	21,007
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	257,556	437,026
Capital assets	385,679	366,177
Long-term investments - restricted -other	302,410 1,150,590	302,410 1,164,805
Deferred revenue - life insurance	14,186	14,186
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	\$ 2,110,421	\$ 2,284,604
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 190,300	\$ 159,855
Deferred revenue	269,736	382,209
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	460,036	542,064
Deferred revenue - life insurance	14,186	14,186
Net assets (deficiency):		
Investment in capital assets	385,679	366,177
Endowment	302,410	302,410
Internally restricted	977,255	1,067,450
Unrestricted	(29,145)	(7,683)
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	1,636,199	1,728,354
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	\$ 2,110,421	\$ 2,284,604

Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets

Year ended March 31, 2006, with comparatives figures for 2005

	2006	2005 (Restated)
Revenue		
Donations and bequests	\$ 1,441,548	\$ 1,698,265
Corporation and foundation funding	797,185	829,333
Advertising	22,780	33,847
Other	42,647	29,410
Interest and dividends	47,042	49,815
Gain on disposal of investments	60,604	41,738
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	2,411,806	2,682,408
Expenses		
Conservation programs	1,317,000	1,371,472
Conservation education and communications	454,795	465,646
Fund development	581,300	722,628
Corporate services	150,866	185,460
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	2,503,961	2,745,206
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	(92,155)	(62,798)
Net assets, beginning of year	1,728,354	1,791,152
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Net assets, end of year	\$ 1,636,199	\$ 1,728,354



VOLUNTEERS MAKE AN IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE

Nature Canada recognizes that its volunteers work in many different areas to show their passion for nature. From writing letters to MPs to leading field trips for young naturalists — everyone plays an important role in our success. Nature Canada is grateful to all of the volunteers who help to protect and conserve this nature nation. Congratulations to this year's award winners.



Ken Macdonald

2005 DOUGLAS PIMLOTT AWARD WINNER

Life-long environmentalist Monte Hummel was given Nature Canada's preeminent accolade, the Douglas H. Pimlott Award, for his more than 35 years of dedicated service as an author, leader and outspoken advocate for the environment. Hummel's commitment to environmental advocacy began after he witnessed the effects of mercury poisoning on the English River near his boyhood home of Whitedog Falls, near Kenora, Ontario. The contamination left the Ojibway community there in social and economic despair. Lauded as having a tremendous ability to effect change, he co-founded Pollution Probe in 1969 and became President of World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Canada in 1985. During his tenure as President of WWF, Hummel helped the organization downlist 23 wildlife species from Canada's Species at Risk list and spurred the creation of over 1,000 new wilderness areas, more than doubling the amount of land protected in Canada. Between 1977 and 1982, he coordinated the undergraduate program in Environmental Studies at the University of Toronto with the award's namesake and an originator of the Canadian environmental movement, Douglas H. Pimlott. In 2000, this "tireless defender of nature" was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada.

AFFILIATE AWARD

The 2005 Nature Canada Affiliate Award was presented to the New Brunswick Federation of Naturalists / Fédération des Naturalistes du Nouveau Brunswick for their remarkable dedication and support for Nature Canada's Affiliate Network initiatives. The New Brunswick Federation of Naturalists / Fédération des Naturalistes du Nouveau Brunswick has been invaluable in promoting the networking capacity and conservation efforts of affiliated naturalists groups in the Maritimes. The outstanding success of the two meetings of the Atlantic Nature Network (ANN) was due to many hours of support offered by volunteers and staff at both the federation and club levels. The group has also been consistent in its participation in provincial affiliate conference calls and Canadian Nature Network (CNN) calls for the Off-Highway Vehicle Committee and Species at Risk Committee. The group's actions epitomize what the CNN aims to achieve and sets a positive example for other groups within the network.



Mike Pirnie

Volunteers work in many different areas to show their passion for nature.

Through cooperation and shared enthusiasm, we will continue to protect Canada's nature for the whole world to enjoy.

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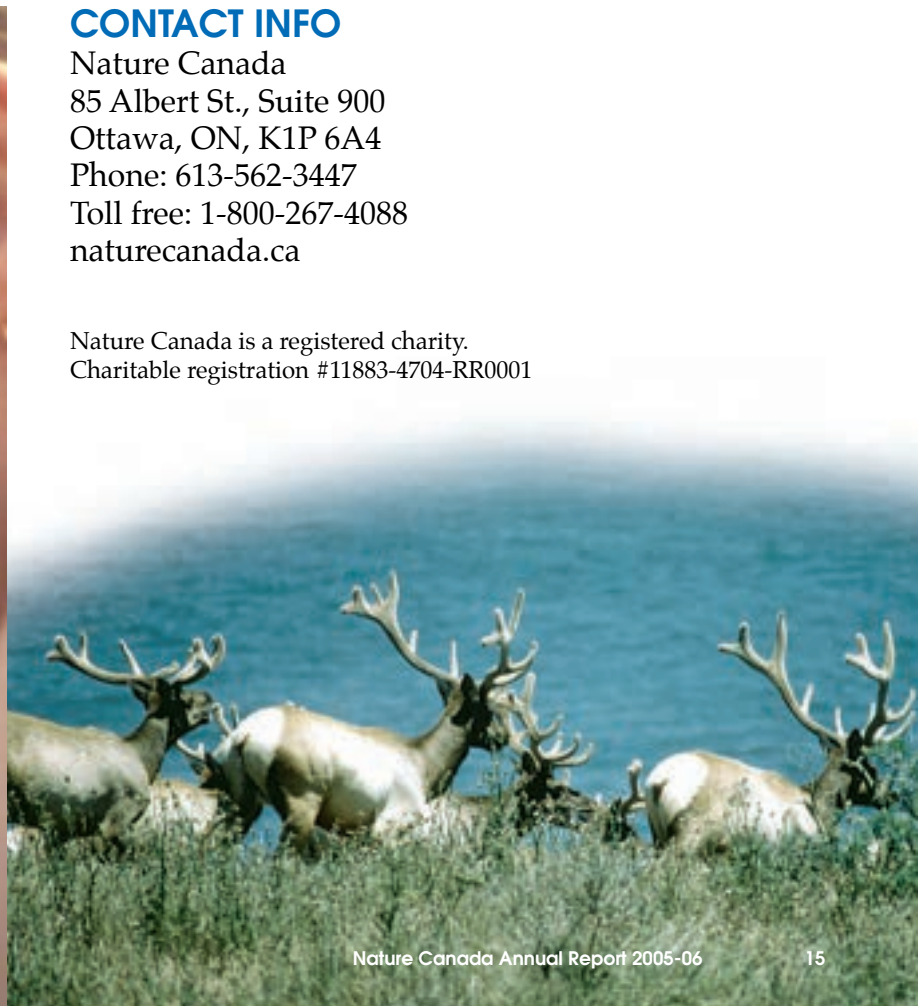
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