



Annual Report

2008-2009



Vision

Together we will work for a vision of Canada as a place where threatened species and ecosystems are protected, common species and ecosystems are conserved, ecological integrity is maintained, and people embrace a culture of conservation in their everyday lives. As Canada's national nature organization, Nature Canada will realize this vision by engaging people and advocating on behalf of nature.

What is Nature Canada?

Nature Canada exists to protect nature, its diversity and the processes that sustain it. Our strategies are based on sound science, a passion for nature, and a belief that every Canadian should feel connected to the vast natural world that surrounds us.

We are a member-supported not-for-profit organization whose network includes 40,000 supporters and more than 350 naturalist organizations across Canada. Our family of nature lovers – birders, gardeners, hikers, activists, parents, grandparents, volunteers and community groups – are at the core of what we do.

What Do We Do?

- We support on-the-ground, community-based efforts to protect birds, other animals, plants and habitats for future generations
- We conserve bird habitat and promote biodiversity in Canada and the Americas
- We help connect thousands of children with nature every year
- We push for effective laws and supporting policies that protect endangered species today
- We encourage the development of an effective network of parks and protected areas from coast to coast to coast
- We build strong partnerships with like-minded organizations, and work together to protect wildlife and their habitats
- We educate people about the benefits of nature to humankind
- We recruit more nature enthusiasts to the cause of protecting nature and the processes that sustain it

Mission

To protect and conserve wildlife and habitats in Canada by engaging people and advocating on behalf of nature.

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Letter from the Chair and President

This year has been an exciting time of change and renewal at Nature Canada, and we have made significant progress toward achieving our mission. Despite these trying economic times, when the pressure grows to ignore or put off important decisions about nature and our environment, Nature Canada has remained focused on ensuring future generations have healthy ecosystems, rich biodiversity and stronger connections to the natural world.

We opposed, and have successfully delayed harmful development at Suffield national wildlife area. We worked with local volunteers to ensure stewardship within Canada's Important Bird Areas remain strong, and we have launched a bold new program to recruit caretakers at every IBA in the country.

Migratory birds are being protected in other ways. Over 60,000 people joined our petition to protect boreal songbird habitat, and projects are underway in South America and the Caribbean to relieve development pressure on local bird wintering grounds.

Endangered plant and animal species had a watchdog on their side. Thousands of concerned citizens participated in our public campaigns to demand stronger species laws, and we continued to be one of the few environmental groups with a seat at the table with the nation's policy makers, offering a voice for wildlife.

More than 22,000 children had a positive experience in nature through our Parks and People program this year, and over 10,000 parents and educators requested our NatureWatch guides.

In early 2009, after months of consultations, research and introspection, we drafted a new strategic plan to guide our conservation efforts over the next three years. We are excited to begin the work of realizing this plan, with its emphasis on protecting birds, other wildlife and habitats; on the ground conservation; and the growth of a culture of conservation.

We will continue to advocate at the national and international level on behalf of nature, and spearhead the protection of protected areas by focusing on Important Bird Areas, National Wildlife Areas and National Parks. We will grow our presence in communities across the country through outreach and engagement programs like the Caretaker Network, Parks and People and youth engagement programs.

We encourage you to read this annual report to learn more about our activities over the last year. And we thank every one of you who supported these efforts. You've helped to make everything we do possible.



Ruth Catana
ACTING PRESIDENT



Richard Yank
CHAIR



Your Support Produces Results

Thanks to the efforts of thousands of volunteers and supporters like you, Nature Canada and its partners in conservation can report:

Harmful development at Suffield National Wildlife Area has been opposed

Member support allowed Nature Canada and its coalition partners to force public hearings into plans to expand gas well drilling inside this precious protected area. We mounted a strong case against such development before a government-appointed panel, which recommended against granting a permit to drill, and imposed strict conditions on future plans. Nature Canada is now hard at work to ensure that drilling is permanently prohibited inside Suffield and all NWAs.



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Stewardship within Canada's Important Bird Areas remains strong

Through our Communities in Action program, Nature Canada worked with local volunteers to monitor, protect and restore Important Bird Area habitats across Canada. We're taking bird conservation a significant step further with the launch of the IBA Caretaker Network, which trains volunteers to steward local IBAs.

Migratory birds are being protected

Working with BirdLife partners in the Americas, Nature Canada has launched projects in Paraguay, Brazil, Haiti, Cuba and the Dominican Republic to reduce pressure on bird habitat, and we have participated in top-level policy talks to strengthen the Migratory Bird Convention Act. A joint campaign with Canadian Nature Network partners mobilized 60,000 people to speak out in support of protecting Boreal bird habitat.



COMMON GOLDENEYE © ELENA KREUZBERT

Canada's protected areas network is growing

Nature Canada worked directly with local communities, government stakeholders and nature groups to advance negotiations on establishing national parks at Mealy Mountains in Newfoundland and Labrador, and South Okanagan-Similkameen in British Columbia. The creation of three new protected areas in Nunavut is a positive sign that our call for a national wildlife area system is being heard.

Thousands of families are closer to nature

More than 22,000 children had a positive experience in nature through our Parks and People program this year – that's over 60,000 families touched since the program began. Over 10,000 parents, educators and youth requested our NatureWatch guides, and many other classrooms and nature groups used our materials to learn more about the natural world.

Public policymakers are listening to concerned Canadians

Our committed members supported our conservation campaigns by sending nearly 80,000 letters and petition signatures to government decision-makers, demanding better implementation of endangered species laws, stronger protection of national wildlife areas, a more effective response to our changing climate, and an end to unsustainable development in our North.

Endangered plant and animal species have a watchdog on their side

We successfully engaged the government in negotiations to develop a scientific review for the identification of critical habitat for the boreal population of woodland caribou, and we continued to be one of the few environmental groups with a seat at the table of the



PARKS AND PEOPLE PROGRAM, LES CERCLES DES JEUNES NATURALISTES

government's scientific Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada, as well as the Species at Risk Advisory Committee, giving Nature Canada direct access to make strong policy recommendations on species legislation to decision-makers.

Your Support Protects Birds Throughout the Americas

Birds are some of the most studied – and cherished – species on earth. Healthy bird populations signal healthy ecosystems, and declines in bird numbers are a sign that humans must act.

Nature Canada, as the Canadian co-partner (with Bird Studies Canada) in the global alliance known as BirdLife International, works with local groups in Canada to protect bird habitat, counsels policy-makers to ensure strong bird protection laws and regulations exist nationally, and collaborates with BirdLife partners in other countries to save migratory bird populations throughout the hemisphere.



BLACKBURNIAN WARBLER © ALLAN WOODHOUSE

Results this year:

With your help, Nature Canada and its campaign partners, including Ontario Nature, sent a message loud and clear to government leaders: North America's bird nursery, the Boreal Forest, needs greater protection. Sixty thousand petitioners



BAY-BREASTED WARBLER © ALLAN WOODHOUSE

from 117 countries joined the Save Our Boreal Birds Campaign, which calls for protecting at least 50% of the Boreal Forest and supporting sustainable development practices in the remaining areas.

Through our Communities in Action program, Nature Canada invests in local bird conservation projects to protect important bird habitat across Canada. Some of the projects we supported this year included:

- A study of the breeding habitats of threatened Least Bitterns in the wetlands of Ontario's Long Point IBA. Results of this study will be used to develop best management practices for wetlands areas.
- A conservation agreement to protect 460 acres of private upland and wetland habitat adjacent to Manitoba's Whitewater Lake IBA.
- Removal of invasive species and restoration of native habitats at British Columbia's Comox Valley and Boundary Bay IBAs.

Nature Canada, Bird Studies Canada and members of the Canadian Nature Network completed a plan to establish the Canadian Important Bird Area Caretaker Network, a nationwide initiative to establish a volunteer network of caretakers who will watch over and protect IBAs in their community. Over the next five years, caretakers will be matched with IBAs in five provinces (Nova Scotia, Quebec,

Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia) and will help conserve IBAs by surveying bird populations, building nest boxes, erecting signs, removing invasive species, planting native grasses, and promoting awareness of the value of wildlife.

Nature Canada concluded agreements to further the cause of bird conservation in the Americas. We are working with BirdLife partners:

- In the Caribbean (Dominican Republic, Haiti and Cuba), to provide technical and material resources to 24 rural communities

to help them improve their livelihoods and mitigate against the effects of climate change in their region. Projects involve organic farming, ecotourism and reforestation, and are each intended to reduce unsustainable exploitation of important bird habitat. Critical wintering grounds for migratory species at risk such as Bicknell's thrush and Black-capped petrels will be protected.

- In Paraguay, to establish organic gardens in four communities, two of which are located inside the San Rafael Biosphere Reserve. By assisting local women in building environmentally sustainable agricultural practices, Nature Canada is helping to relieve the pressure on forest resources and protect biodiversity.
- In Brazil, to conserve Boa Nova, an Important Bird Area in Brazil's Atlantic Forest. Critical habitat for the iconic, endangered Slender Antbird is being protected as landowners establish private reserves, conduct community outreach, and apply legal tools to protect the land.

At Nature Canada's urging, the federal government is developing new regulations to more clearly define what industry and others must do to protect migratory bird populations under the Migratory Birds Convention Act. Working closely with industry organizations and government agencies as part of a pre-consultation working group, Nature Canada is advocating strongly that these regulations be science-based, rigorous and enforceable. We are also insisting that a monitoring system be implemented to measure how effective the regulations are at protecting bird populations. Our goal is to have stronger bird protection laws in place to ensure populations remain stable and threatened species are able to recover.



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Bird Conservation by the Numbers

Important Bird Areas in Canada: **597**

Birds endangered globally: **1 in 8**

Bird species that regularly breed in Canada: **428**

Canadian bird species at risk: **76**

Endangered Species by the Numbers

Species on COSEWIC's at risk list: **585**

Years the Species at Risk Act has existed: **6**

Species that receive full legal protection: **1**
(the Banff Springs Snail)

Your Support Gives Endangered Species a Fighting Chance

Habitat loss, our changing climate, and weak implementation of this country's endangered species laws are placing more animal and plant species on the road to extinction. The list of species scientists consider at risk is nearing 600. Nature Canada works to reverse this trend by calling for the establishment of strong wildlife protection laws, consistent enforcement, and action on preserving critical habitat.

Results this Year:

We engaged the government in negotiations to develop a scientific review for the identification of critical habitat for the boreal population of woodland caribou. In April 2009, a robust, science-based review was released that recommended critical habitat for the caribou. The science in this report should provide government, industry and conservationists with the tools needed to ensure the persistence of boreal woodland caribou populations in Canada.

Nature Canada and like-minded partners prepared a detailed analysis of the Species at Risk Act, including rating the government's record of enforcement and recommending improvements for implementation of the Act. The analysis was developed in advance of a mandatory review of the Act set to take place in 2009, and will be an important contribution to the debate over how best to protect and recover endangered species populations.

We were a strong voice on behalf of wildlife this year. As one of the few environmental groups granted observer status on the government's scientific committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC), as well as being a founding participant of the Species at Risk Advisory Committee, a legally mandated advisory body, Nature Canada has direct access to make strong policy recommendations to decision-makers on species legislation.

This year, we raised concerns that critical habitat for the endangered swift fox was not sufficiently identified, leaving the possibility that this species may receive only partial protection. We also urged the government to add Canada's most endangered marine fish, the Basking Shark, to the official species at risk list.



CARIBOU © WAYNE SAWCHUK



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Your Support Preserves Wildlife Habitat

For more than five decades, Nature Canada has championed the completion of our national park system and the development of a connected network of protected areas on land and at sea. We have also been vigilant in safeguarding existing protected areas from threats to their ecological integrity.

Results this year:

In 2007, Nature Canada and its members were successful in forcing public hearings into a request from energy company Encana for a permit to establish nearly 1,300 shallow gas wells inside the federally protected Suffield National Wildlife Area, a small parcel of rare prairie grassland that provides critical habitat to over a dozen species at risk, including the burrowing owl. This year, thanks to generous support from members, Nature Canada and its coalition partners in the Say No to Drilling in Suffield campaign built a strong legal case for denying such a permit. The government-appointed panel recommended that drilling inside Suffield be rejected – for now. As a result of your letters and support, the panel specifically recognized public concern as a factor in its decision. With your continued support, we are applying pressure to the government to accept the panel's recommendation and close the door on further development inside Suffield.

Nature Canada launched a public awareness campaign to bring attention to the importance of Canada's national wildlife area system, and to gain support for greater government commitment to growing and managing the network. Using data from local and provincial partners within the naturalist community, we produced a series of five editorials that were published in communities across the country.

Canada's Environment Minister announced that three new national wildlife areas will be established in Nunavut. More than



HARLEQUIN DUCK © LARRY KIRTLEY

450,000 hectares of Arctic wilderness, including one globally significant Important Bird Area, will be protected at three sites located on the northeast side of Baffin Island.

Nature Canada supported efforts to establish Okanagan-Similkameen National Park in southern British Columbia. A member of Nature Canada's board of directors participated directly in strategic planning calls with partner groups dedicated

to the park's establishment, and generous support from one of Nature Canada's major donors has been applied to our efforts.

Nature Canada held a workshop on bird stewardship in the town of Cartwright to raise interest in the protection and stewardship of important bird areas, and to gauge support for the proposed Mealy Mountains National Park. Local people shared their priorities and visions for the region, and interacted with resource management agencies and First Nations representatives.

As citizen's groups, non-governmental organizations and elected officials work to implement the Northwest Territories Protected Areas Strategy, Nature Canada has been a strong advocate for the protection of Important Bird Areas in the region. In public and private consultations, we ensure that the interests of Canada's bird populations are heard and included in protected areas plans for the Northwest Territories.

Protected Areas by the Numbers

National Wildlife Areas in Canada: **51**

Migratory bird sanctuaries in Canada: **92**

Percent of land protected in Canada: **9**

Percent of world's forests represented by Canada's Boreal: **25**

Your Support Connects People to Nature



PARKS AND PEOPLE PROGRAM, LES CERCLES DES JEUNES NATURALISTES

Canadians rank environmental issues near the top of the national agenda, yet fewer Canadians than ever have a personal connection to the land. While Canada is a country rich with natural heritage, more than 80% of Canadians live in urban centres, and children are spending more time indoors. There is an urgent need for us to reconnect with nature and gain a greater understanding of its beauty, its gifts and its fragility. Nature Canada addresses this need through its community engagement programs.

Results this year:

More than 22,000 children had a positive experience in nature through our Parks and People program this year. Volunteer naturalists have led overnight camping trips, day hikes, cultural exchanges, and other learning experiences that have introduced the wonders of nature to nearly 60,000 children since the program began. The program is delivered in partnership with Parks Canada Agency.

Our NatureWatch series of citizen science programs recruited Canadians from every province and territory to observe the natural world and help scientists better understand the effects of climate change. More than 10,000 naturalists, educators and parents requested our educational materials on frogs, butterflies, plants and other backyard species.

Nature Canada was a main sponsor of the Robert Bateman Get to Know Writing and Art Contest, a national event that has been inspiring connections between youth and nature for nearly a decade. Hundreds of children show their love of nature through creative expression, and winning masterpieces are included in an official Robert Bateman calendar. In 2009, Nature Canada became the Premiere Partner of the contest.

PARKS AND PEOPLE PROGRAM, DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA



Nature Canada welcomed youth naturalist club members from across Canada to Ottawa for an intensive three-day workshop to develop strategies to bring more children and youth into contact with nature in positive, meaningful ways. Based on this rare gathering of youth leaders, Nature Canada produced a report, *Engaging More Youth and Children in Nature*, and established a connection with a group of young people and seasoned young naturalist leaders who will be valuable

advisors to Nature Canada on future environmental education and outreach programming.

In June 2008 Nature Canada launched its own blog, naturecanadablog.blogspot.com, where Nature Canada staff share stories, photos, commentary and news about nature, the environment and our conservation efforts. Averaging about 1,500 visits each month, the blog has brought us closer to constituents by putting a human face on the organization, and providing an engaging and convenient forum to become informed about our work. In January the blog was selected as an Editor's Pick by nature blog portal Best Green Blogs.

Nature Canada launched a campaign to mobilize members to become involved in the 2008 federal election and to speak out in support of nature conservation policies. The campaign web site,

VoteForNature.ca, provided sample letters to send to candidates, questions to ask at public forums, detailed policy positions on green issues, and weekly news updates. At least a thousand individuals contacted their local candidates, and hundreds of political decision makers received Nature Canada's policy positions as a result of the campaign.

Our web community of nature lovers, parents, youth, educators and activists grew to more than 35,000 people this year. Our committed members supported our conservation campaigns by sending nearly 80,000 letters and petition signatures to government decision-makers, demanding better implementation of endangered species laws, stronger protection of national wildlife areas, a more effective response to our changing climate, and an end to unsustainable development in our North. Thousands of others expressed their love for nature by sharing greeting cards and photos among community members on our web site.



PARKS AND PEOPLE PROGRAM, MEADOWLARK FESTIVAL

Connecting to Nature by the Numbers

Percent of people who live in urban areas globally: **50**

Children in the Parks and People Program: **60,000**

Letters in support of nature sent by members: **80,000**

Leading by Example

Nature Canada recognizes the hard work of dedicated nature lovers who inspire us all through their example. Each year, we celebrate the achievements of extraordinary individuals or groups representing all who work to protect and conserve nature for future generations. Congratulations to this year's award winners!



ROBERT BATEMAN

Douglas Pimlott Award Winner

World-renowned artist and conservationist Robert Bateman has been keenly interested in both art and nature from his earliest days. A long-time member of Nature Canada, he has been an active member of naturalist clubs and conservation organizations since the early 1960s. His involvement has reached a global scale: he has become a spokesman for many environmental, preservation and political issues, and has used his artwork in fundraising efforts that have provided millions of dollars for these worthy causes.

Bateman strongly believes that nature affects kids in a positive and profound way. He introduced many students to the natural world during his 20 years as a high school art and geography teacher. Furthering this work, he founded the Robert Bateman Get to Know program that has been inspiring relationships between Canadian youth and nature for nearly a decade. The program aims to facilitate young Canadians connecting with nature and spending more time outdoors. Nature Canada has supported the annual Get to Know art contest for several years, and is proud to be the premiere partner in 2009.

Along with his wife Birgit, Bateman lives in a new, geothermal home on Salt Spring Island, B.C. They are ardent environmentalists and eat organically, recycle, compost, and use houseplants for air filtration within the home and studio.

Nature Canada is grateful for Robert Bateman's long-standing support of conservation in Canada, and is proud to count him as a member.

Affiliate Award Winner



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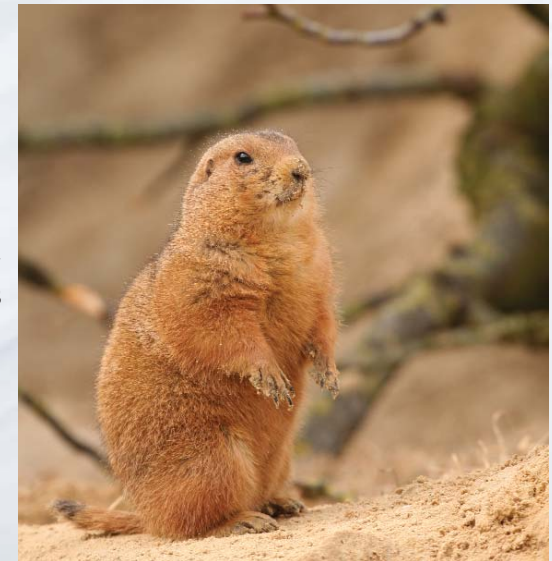
Nature Saskatchewan celebrates its 60th anniversary in 2009. As it has throughout its history, the organization continues to promote appreciation and understanding of our natural world through conservation, education and research.

Formed as the Saskatchewan Natural History Society, the organization contributes significantly to conservation through

its regular and special publications. The Society took over publication of the Blue Jay, a journal that had been initiated by the Yorkton NHS in 1943. Published continuously by volunteers ever since, the Blue Jay has gained a national and international reputation and is distributed to university libraries and schools alike. A series of special publications on natural history began in 1958. In the last four years some impressive and award winning tomes have been published by Nature Saskatchewan, including *Birds of Rosetown Biggar District* (2008), *The Great Sand Hills: A Prairie Oasis*, by Rebecca Grambo (writer) and Branimir Gjetvaj (photographer) (2007), and *Prairie Phoenix: The Red Lily in Saskatchewan* (2005) by Anna Leighton and Bonnie Lawrence.

In addition to providing these excellent resources to the naturalist community, Nature

Saskatchewan is an active participant in the Suffield Coalition to permanently protect the Suffield NWA in Alberta, and is a member of the Canadian Nature Network, empowering and connecting people who care about nature across the country.



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Strength in Numbers

Nature Canada believes that conservation success comes from collective efforts. The greatest threats to nature today – habitat destruction, species extinction, biodiversity loss, climate change – cannot be solved by any single organization. That is why we choose to work in partnership with others.



The Canadian Nature Network (CNN) is a national network of people who care about nature, and who share a common interest in protecting it. Including their members and supporters, the CNN represents approximately 100,000 individuals and 360

organizations. Together, we work at the national, provincial and local levels to effect positive change in areas of nature conservation, habitat restoration, species at risk, conservation monitoring, environmental education, invasive species, and ecological integrity.

In 2008, CNN affiliates in 11 provinces and territories officially formed the Canadian Nature Forum by signing a memorandum of understanding outlining our common values, goals, and a process for collaboration. Nature Canada acts as a secretariat for the Canadian Nature Forum.

The Forum includes Ecology North from Yellowknife NWT, the Natural History Society of Newfoundland-Labrador, the Island Nature Trust of PEI, Nature Nova Scotia, Nature New Brunswick, Nature Quebec, Ontario Nature, Nature Manitoba, Nature Saskatchewan, Federation of Alberta Naturalists, BC Nature and Nature Canada.



Nature Canada and Bird Studies Canada are the Canadian co-partners in BirdLife International, a global alliance of conservation organizations working together for the world's birds and people. As BirdLife in Canada, we deliver the Important

Bird Areas Program, which aims to identify, conserve and monitor a network of sites that provides essential habitat for bird populations.

Nature Canada's small grants IBA Communities in Action program has extended close to \$1 million to around 200 community-based IBA conservation projects over the past ten years to promote local stewardship and restoration efforts.

Working internationally with other BirdLife partners throughout the Americas, we develop and advance hemispheric bird conservation objectives for migrating and local birds.



The Green Budget Coalition brings together Canada's leading environmental and conservation organizations to assist the government in developing budgetary and fiscal measures that are critical to long-term environmental sustainability.

Founded and chaired by Nature Canada since 1999, the Coalition has 19 member organizations representing over 500,000 Canadians. Together, we recognize that the annual federal budget is often the most important Canadian environmental policy document of the year, and that integrating environmental values into economic and fiscal policy is fundamental for achieving lifelong environmental and human health.

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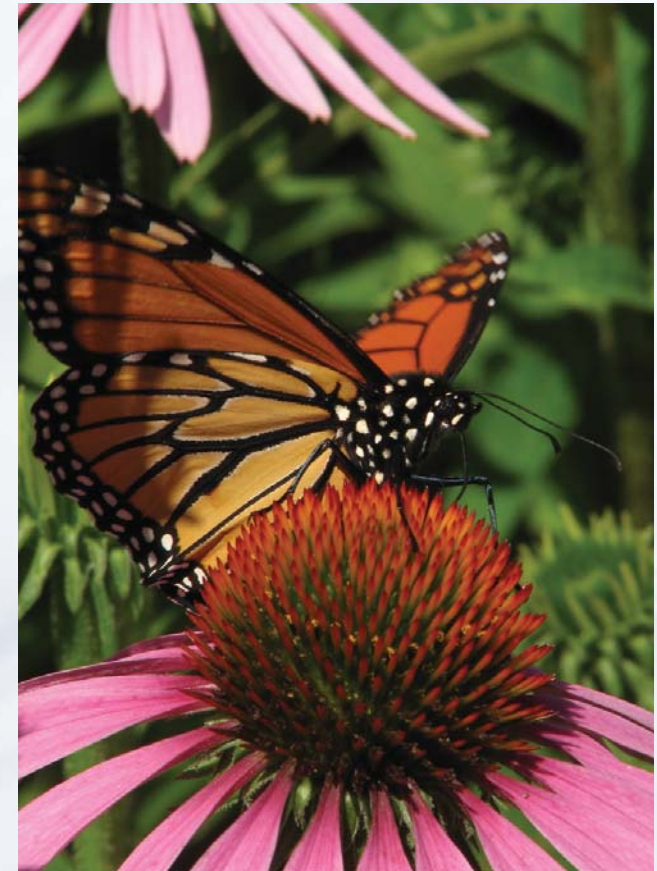
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Thousands of individual Canadians support Nature Canada's conservation programs with monthly donations. These donations allow us to respond quickly to the most pressing threats to Canada's nature the moment they arise. We salute every one of them.

Whittemore Legacy Circle

Members who have chosen to make a thoughtful gift in their will or other type of future gift become part of our Whittemore Legacy Circle, named in honor of Nature Canada founder Reginald Whittemore's wife, Mabel Frances. She was an educator and nature lover whose main goal in life was to share her passion for nature with others. Your generous support keeps this legacy strong. Thank you!



NORTHERN LEOPARD FROG © ELENA KREUZBERT



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Legacy donors

We are saddened by the passing of the following members whose passion and commitment to nature protection will be greatly missed. With their kind legacy gifts, they hope to ensure that future generations will enjoy nature as they did. They put their trust once again in Nature Canada to protect the animals and places they cared so much about.

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 Estate of Henry Charles Pegg
 Estate of Margaret Irene Skinner
 Estate of Doreen Elizabeth Tait
 Estate of Laughlin B. Taylor

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

Our conservation work is made possible by the passion and efforts of individuals in every province and territory. Thank you!

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, 2009 and for the year then ended on which we expressed an opinion without reservation in our report dated May 27, 2009. 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, Licensed Public Accountants
OTTAWA, CANADA
MAY 27, 2009

NATURE CANADA – Summarized Statement of Financial Position

MARCH 31, 2009, WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR 2008

	2009	2008
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 435,367	\$ 428,474
Amounts receivable	134,344	140,344
Prepaid expenses	17,382	28,042
	587,093	596,860
Restricted cash	100,000	–
Capital assets	27,708	43,709
Long-term investments		
- restricted	302,410	302,410
- other	661,763	852,483
Deferred revenue - life insurance	23,982	18,571
	\$ 1,702,956	\$ 1,814,033
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 154,800	\$ 238,626
Deferred revenue	303,145	209,104
	457,945	447,730
Deferred revenue – life insurance	23,982	18,571
Net assets (deficiency):		
Invested in capital assets	27,708	43,709
Externally restricted	302,410	302,410
Endowment	100,000	–
Internally restricted	885,126	880,872
Unrestricted net assets (deficiency)	(94,215)	120,741
	1,221,029	1,347,732
	\$ 1,702,956	\$ 1,814,033

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YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2009, WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR 2008

	2009	2008
Revenue:		
Donations and bequests	\$ 1,654,642	\$ 1,539,745
Corporation, government and foundation funding	840,293	1,208,744
Investment	53,127	183,167
Other	13,246	42,310
	2,561,308	2,973,966
Expenses:		
Conservation programs	1,517,918	1,421,958
Conservation education and outreach	429,266	1,055,226
Fund development	617,637	587,313
Corporate services	123,190	91,477
	2,688,011	3,155,974
Deficiency of revenue over expenses from operations	(126,703)	(182,008)
Transfer of Clifford E Lee Nature Sanctuary	–	(375,782)
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	(126,703)	(557,790)
Net assets, beginning of year	1,347,732	1,905,522
Net assets, end of year	\$ 1,221,029	\$ 1,347,732



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