



NATURE CANADA

2010-2011

Annual Report



“ TOGETHER, WE’RE
 INSPIRING CANADIANS
 TO EMBRACE A CULTURE OF
 CONSERVATION IN THEIR EVERYDAY
 LIVES, AND TO ADVOCATE ON
 BEHALF OF NATURE. ”

RICHARD YANK, CHAIR, NATURE CANADA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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WE THANK YOU

Dear Friend of Nature Canada:

As a valuable supporter, you know that Nature Canada is devoted to the cause of protecting wildlife and habitats in Canada, and engaging people to embrace a culture of conservation in their everyday lives.

This past year, your support for the cause of nature conservation has made a real difference.

We’re building healthier bird communities. The Important Bird Area Caretaker Network has expanded to seven provinces, with volunteers now engaged in monitoring and stewardship action at over 180 sites.

We’re connecting more families to nature. For the second year, more than 400,000 Grade 8 students have received free passes to enter national parks and historic sites with the My Parks Pass program.

We’re ensuring stronger protection for endangered species and their habitats. From our campaigns to establish a new national park in the Okanagan, and prevent drilling inside Suffield National Wildlife Area, to improved recovery plans for species at risk like the Loggerhead Shrike, we’re advocating tirelessly on behalf of wildlife in Canada.

With your help, we’ll build on these efforts and achieve even greater successes. Thank you for your support.

Richard Yank

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Ian Davidson

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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This year, we welcome Dennis Baresco, Ian J. Davidson, Judith Miller, The Bert, Betty & Melissa Robinson Legacy Fund, Dan & Donna Taylor, Myrna Wood, Eileen E. Yaxley and four benefactors who wish to remain anonymous. They join their 55 fellow members:

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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.

Estate of Claude Noel Hilditch Freeman
Estate of Jeremy James Anson Fry

Estate of Hugo Germeraad
Estate of Gloria Goodings
Estate of Donald & Francis Hatherly
Estate of Lucy May Robertson
Estate of Darlene Helen Rose
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Estate of Margaret Irene Skinner

Charles Labatiuk Nature Endowment Fund

The Charles Labatiuk Nature Endowment Fund supports bird conservation at the Beaverhill Lake Important Bird Area in Alberta, provides an entrance scholarship to a

young naturalist for their postsecondary studies and rewards volunteer excellence. We thank the 18 individuals who donated to this Endowed Fund over the past year.

Nature Champions

Gifts \$50,000+

Anonymous

Nature Protectors

Gifts \$2,500-\$10,000

Margaret Atwood
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and 42 donors
who wish to
remain anonymous

**These individuals are the newest members of our Nature Builders program.*

*** We are saddened by the passing of Mr. Snell whose passion and commitment to nature protection will be greatly missed.*

2011 Nature Conservation Award Winners

DOUGLAS H. PIMLOTT AWARD

Robert Bancroft

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Annie Buckton

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Myrna Wood

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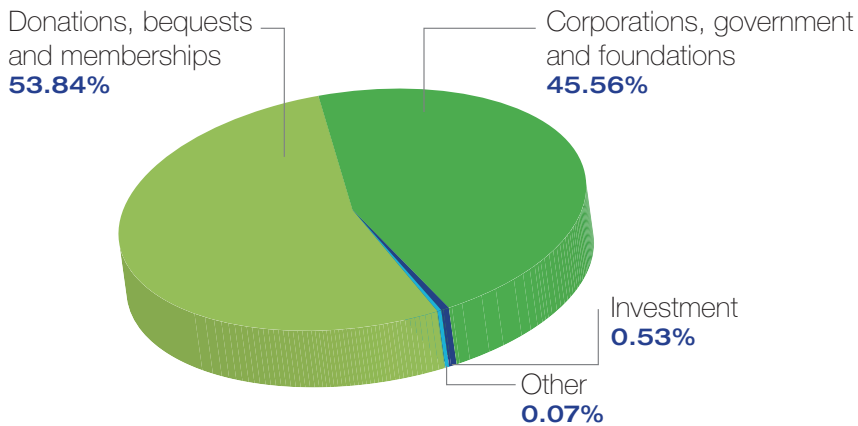
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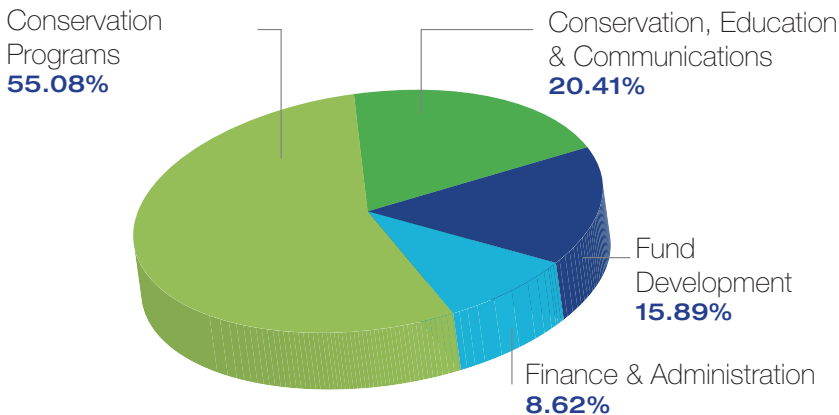
Nature Canada is committed to spending donor dollars wisely. Every dollar donated is directed toward the cause of nature conservation. The figures below provide a snapshot of where our funding comes from and where your donation goes in support of fulfilling our mission.

Full financial statements available in the about section of our web site at: naturecanada.ca/about_annual_report.asp

Sources of Support



Allocation of Expenditures



OUR VISION

Together we seek to achieve 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.

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.



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NATURE CANADA 2010-2011: Building a Nature Nation

“ WE COULD NOT HAVE ACHIEVED THIS ALONE, TOGETHER WE HAVE. ”



EDÉZHÍE: PRESERVING SACRED LANDS

Crucial temporary protections have been allowed to lapse on the land beneath Edézhíe, opening this irreplaceable region to drilling and mining before it is protected as a National Wildlife Area. Nature Canada is campaigning to protect this sacred site of the Dehcho and Tlcho Dene communities of Great Slave Lake, NWT.



NATURE EXPLORERS: CONNECTING FAMILIES WITH NATURE

The Nature Explorers program promotes a healthy, active lifestyle and instills an appreciation of nature and the responsibility to protect it. With the support of TD Bank and White Swan, Nature Canada's Nature Explorers program aims to connect one million children and their families with multiple opportunities to participate in a wide-range of outdoor nature-based activities over the next five years.



BUILDING HEALTHIER BIRD COMMUNITIES

Volunteer Caretakers are the eyes, ears and hands on the ground at Important Bird Areas throughout Canada. Thanks to national sponsor TransCanada Corporation, and the support of Wildlife Habitat Canada and LUSH, the Canadian IBA Caretaker Network expanded to seven provinces this year. Important Bird Areas provide vital habitat for threatened birds, large groups of birds, and birds found almost nowhere else on Earth.



SOUTH-OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN NATIONAL PARK

The desert grasslands of the South Okanagan are home to over one-third of British Columbia's endangered species and other species at risk, including the Bighorn Sheep and Lewis' Woodpecker. Nature Canada is working with local and provincial partners to establish a national park in the South-Okanagan-Similkameen region, which would also protect five Important Bird Areas.



IMPROVED RECOVERY STRATEGIES FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES

In its watchdog role as an advocate for endangered species, Nature Canada closely reviews recovery strategies for species at risk to ensure the best possible protective measures are included. This year, our recommendations helped improve recovery strategies for four species, including the Loggerhead Shrike, one of 27 endangered birds on the Species at Risk list.



SUFFIELD NATIONAL WILDLIFE AREA

Two years after an official Review Panel's finding that a proposed project to drill gas wells would likely interfere with wildlife conservation at Suffield NWA, we continue our efforts to close the door to any further industrial development and to ensure the long term conservation of one of the most important areas of native grasslands remaining in North America.



A CALL FOR A DRILLING MORATORIUM

In the wake of the Gulf oil spill, Nature Canada began applying public pressure to urge the Government to put in place a temporary moratorium on new offshore drilling, and to launch a comprehensive review of regulation regarding unconventional oil and gas production, which threatens to harm species at risk such as the Ivory Gull and Beluga Whale.



PROTECTING BIRDS IN ONTARIO'S NORTH

Protecting migratory birds in Canada's north requires a collaborative approach. With support from the Ivey Foundation, Nature Canada is working with the Cree of James Bay and Hudson Bay to protect migratory birds that nest, breed and feed on Important Bird Areas in Cree homelands.



WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT NATURE

The people who make up the Canadian Nature Network care about nature and share a common interest in protecting it. This year, we worked with CNN partners at national, provincial and local levels to restore and monitor habitat, protect species at risk, and educate people about nature conservation.



PROTECTING BIRDS ALONG THEIR FLYWAYS

Nature Canada works with its BirdLife partners in Haiti and the Dominican Republic to protect vital habitat for migratory birds and promote sustainable livelihoods. With support from CIDA, our projects are part of a coordinated effort to conserve areas across a bird's entire hemispheric range — the only truly effective way to conserve migratory bird populations like Nova Scotia's Bicknell's Thrush.



SABLE ISLAND: PRESERVING AN ICON

Now that Canada's iconic Sable Island will officially become one of our country's newest national parks, the debate has begun over what kind of national park it will be. Nature Canada is recommending visitor limits, off-site interpretation opportunities, and a formal ban on subsurface development to keep this unique island ecosystem intact.



MY PARKS PASS: FREE ACCESS TO PARKS AND HISTORIC SITES

Grade 8/Secondary 2 students across the country receive a "My Parks Pass" annually each spring. This pass grants them free access to 42 national parks, 167 national historic sites and four national marine conservation areas across Canada for a full year. Our partners are Parks Canada and The Historical-Dominion Institute.



WIND POWER: GOOD THINGS IN GOOD PLACES

Nature Canada has been a vocal advocate for green energy policies that fight climate change and are good for wildlife. To get wind power right in Canada, we're working with communities, regulators and governments to prevent wind farms inside Important Bird Areas.



STRONGER PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES

The long-awaited review of Canada's *Species at Risk Act*, which began in 2009, continued throughout 2010. Nature Canada met one-on-one with government and industry representatives to submit joint recommendations, and submitted testimony with nature coalition partners. The message we sent on your behalf: stronger implementation of the Act is needed now to protect over 600 species at risk in Canada.

