



DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA

WESTERN REGION

British Columbia

“We are committed to ensure that wetland habitats remain part of BC’s landscape ensuring a healthy future for waterfowl, wildlife and people.”



Overview

British Columbia’s wetlands provide habitat for more than 300 species of birds, millions of salmon and many other wildlife species. Annually, up to eight million waterfowl and twenty million shorebirds utilize British Columbia’s wetlands to nest, spend the winter and to rest during migration to other parts of the continent. Wetlands also provide a critical role in replenishing groundwater, absorbing floodwater and purifying surface water.

Wetland conservation is essential in maintaining this rich natural heritage. In some parts of the province, over 70% of wetland habitats have been altered or destroyed.

British Columbia’s wetlands need the conservation that Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) helps provide. DUC is working with non-government, government, industry, private landowners and other conservation organizations to ensure wetland habitats remain a part of BC’s landscape, ensuring a healthy future for waterfowl, wildlife, and a fresh clean water supply for people.

Program Areas

Coast: The BC Coastal program’s focus is on the conservation of estuaries and development of landscape approaches to habitat management. DUC is working with partners under the Pacific Estuary Conservation Program and with area farmers under its own On-Farm Planning Program to secure and improve these critical coastal habitats.

Intermountain: DUC is a leader in the Intermountain Wetland Conservation Program whose goal is to improve the landscape encompassing BC’s interior wetlands, streams and lakes. DUC is encouraging the adoption of land use practices that help conserve priority wetlands and uplands and maintain the quality of water flowing through the grasslands and forests.

Peace Country: DUC actively works in the BC Peace developing and implementing land stewardship programs designed for the Peace Parkland. Provided through a partnership of agricultural and conservation agencies, the program promotes farming practices which work for both landowners and the environment. DUC provides advice and assistance to landowners interested in conserving soil, native vegetation, and water resources.

Western Boreal Forest: DUC researches and designs conservation strategies in the Western Boreal Forest (WBF), an area that stretches from northern Ontario to Alaska. This ecosystem contains a wetland-rich landscape that provides breeding habitat for 12 to 14 million ducks annually.



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Ducks Unlimited Canada conserves, restores and manages wetlands and associated habitats for North America’s waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people.



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Highlights

Where the Money is Spent



For every dollar donated to DUC, 90 cents goes directly to habitat conservation, research and wetland education.

Grassroots Support

Volunteers	1,427
Supporters	16,024
Annual fund-raising events	142
Event Attendees	14,269

BC Field Office Locations

- Kamloops 250-374-8307
- Dawson Creek 250-786-0220
- Surrey 604-592-0987
- Williams Lake 250-398-7028



Habitat Conservation

DUC focuses on wetland conservation in BC - identifying habitats and waterfowl species in the greatest need of help, then charting a course for restoration and management. Supported by leading edge science, our conservation programs are concentrated on areas that provide maximum benefits for North America's waterfowl, wildlife, and people.

Ducks Unlimited Canada has positively influenced over 320,000 acres (129,555 hectares) in British Columbia.

Habitat secured through land purchase, management agreements, conservation covenants, leases and extension programs: 170,754 acres (69,101 hectares).

Habitat under agreement with provincial government: 175,440 acres (71,028 hectares).

Number of habitat projects completed: 520

Total project segments: 1,211 (Segments represent different conservation activities DUC completes on a project).

Number of landowners who have conserved habitat in partnership with DUC: 664

Grassroots Support

The majority of Canadian funds raised for Ducks Unlimited Canada conservation programs come from a system of volunteer organized dinner auctions and events held across the country and donations from DUC members and major sponsors. DUC is an affiliate of the Ducks Unlimited Organization that also has representation in the United States, Mexico, New Zealand and Australia. With more than one million supporters, Ducks Unlimited is North America's premier wetland and waterfowl conservation group.

Education

Children are the decision makers of tomorrow. That's why education is one of DUC's highest priorities. Our youth education and membership programs aim to increase awareness and appreciation of wetlands and wildlife habitat. DUC teaches young people about the wonder of wetlands through a variety of formal and informal education opportunities: Adopt-A-Class, Green Street, and Greenwing – DUC's youth member program.

Youth directly benefiting from DUC's environmental education programming this past year: 6,932

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Ducks Unlimited Canada, founded in 1938, is a private nonprofit charitable organization dedicated to the conservation of wetlands for the benefit of North America's waterfowl, wildlife and people.