

DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA

PROJECT

Rice Ponds



Mallard Duck

COMMON WILDLIFE

Mallard
Green-winged Teal
Scaup species
Cinnamon Teal
Black Bear
American Coot
Mule Deer
White-tailed Deer
Muskrat
Wigeon
Bufflehead
Moose

BC PEACE COUNTRY 55 km west of Dawson Creek

Highlights

The Rice Ponds project consists of 518 hectares of provincial crown land with a mix of wetlands, pastures and aspen parkland.

It represents a partnership between Ducks Unlimited Canada, three provincial government ministries, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (PFRA) and a local logging company (Canadian Forest Products).

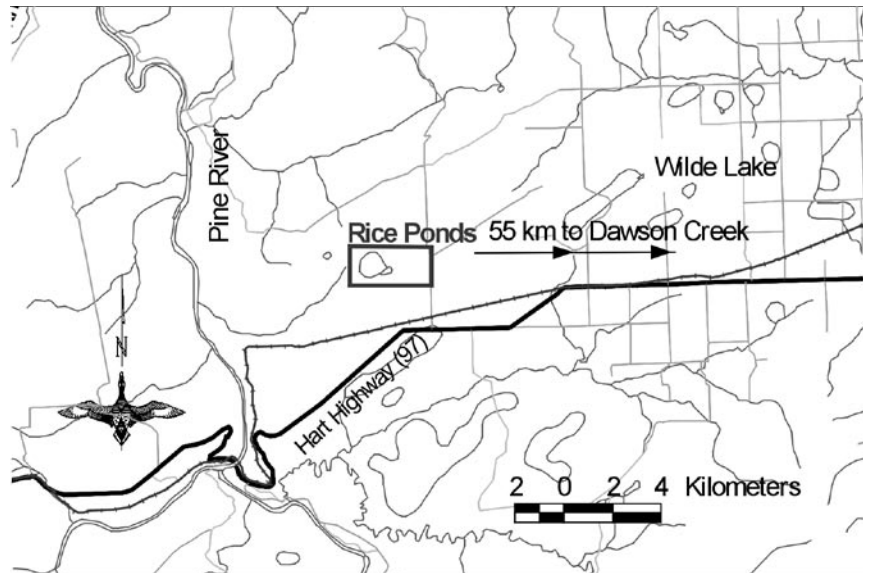
It demonstrates many of the sustainable land use practices and wetland restoration techniques promoted through the BC Prairie Care Program, paving the way for more similar project initiatives in this region.



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North American Waterfowl
Management Plan
Plan nord-américain de
gestion de la sauvagine
Plan de Manejo de Aves
Acuáticas de Norteamérica



Partners:
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (PFRA)
BC Ministry of Water, Land & Air Protection
BC Ministry of Forests
BC Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Fisheries
Environment Canada, Canadian Wildlife Service
Ducks Unlimited Canada

PROJECT PARTNERS:

- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (PFRA)
- The BC Ministry of Water, Land & Air Protection
- BC Habitat Conservation Trust Fund
- BC Ministry of Forests
- BC Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries
- Ducks Unlimited Canada
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Background

The Rice Ponds project area was owned until recently by Canadian Forest Products, who returned it to provincial crown ownership as part of a negotiated harvest agreement. The land is now under the management of the BC Ministry of Forests, with input from environment and agriculture ministries.

Ducks Unlimited Canada has entered into a long-term conservation agreement with these agencies to restore wetland habitats, and facilitate the management of both livestock grazing areas and nearby forests.

The project consists of a number of improvements: the restoration of water levels in several wetlands using dams and water control devices; fencing to create a riparian pasture with two alternative stock water facilities (which provide clean water for livestock and result in reduced disease problems and faster weight gains); a modified grazing system and protected sensitive ecosystems; and the implementation of a sustainable forestry management program on surrounding aspen parkland habitats.



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