



## Dr. Karla Guyn

Karla Guyn was raised in Calgary, Alberta but credits her love for the outdoors to the time spent in SW Alberta on her grandparents' cattle ranch. Karla obtained a technical diploma in Wildlife from Lethbridge College, a B.Sc. in Wildlife Biology from the University of Montana, and her M.Sc. and Ph.D. degrees in Biology from the University of Saskatchewan. Her Ph.D. work focused on northern pintail breeding ecology where she studied pintails on Ducks Unlimited Canada's Kitsim Project near Brooks, Alberta.

Prior to joining Ducks Unlimited Canada, Karla worked as a wildlife technician in Edson and Grande Prairie, Alberta where she conducted aerial surveys for caribou and elk, and as a research assistant at Delta Marsh, Manitoba where she worked on research projects focusing on marsh ecology and the breeding ecology of canvasbacks.

Karla has worked for Ducks Unlimited Canada since 1998 focusing on the incorporation of science into conservation planning. Karla has held both national and regional positions with Ducks Unlimited Canada and has worked on the development of conservation vision documents, setting policy and operational guidelines for conservation managers, developing the first decision support system (DSS), the completion of several strategic and business plans, adaptive management, and major gift fundraising. In her past roles with Ducks Unlimited Canada, she has overseen the national engineering group, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) staff and the Institute for Wetland and Waterfowl Research (IWWR). During this time, Karla has worked closely with the Prairie Habitat Joint Venture, colleagues within Ducks Unlimited Inc. and the board of directors.

Karla lives on an old farmstead north of Winnipeg with her husband and energetic yellow Labrador retriever, and spends her free time showing quarter horses, hiking, hunting, canoeing and learning the art of fly fishing.