



DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA IN ALBERTA: **CONSERVING, RESTORING AND MANAGING**

Since Ducks Unlimited Canada's (DUC) humble beginnings in 1938, we have come to be recognized for the value we provide to people and communities today, delivering nature-based solutions to flood, drought, water pollution and the impacts of climate change. Our strength comes from working together and partnering with all who care about the land to help deliver our mission.

DUC is a passionate group of people who believe nature is the foundation of strong communities, a prosperous economy and sustainable landscapes that support our future generations. **Together, we conserve and restore some of the most valuable and threatened landscapes on the planet.**

OUR WORK

As of March 31, 2024, water management projects in Alberta represent 1,690 basins that store an estimated 1.6 billion cubic metres of water. **That's equivalent to 90 Glenmore Reservoirs, or 640,000 Olympic-size swimming pools.**

ALBERTA BY THE NUMBERS

4,532

habitat projects that connect us with nature and support local economies

5,121

land steward partners who safeguard vital habitat on their property



**TOGETHER, WE CAN CONSERVE
ALBERTA'S WETLANDS
FOR THE FUTURE!**

To learn more about our work in Alberta – or how you can get involved – visit ducks.ca/alberta or call **1-866-479-3825**.



Annual payments for our ecosystem services

Compensation for landowners providing environmental benefits and how many acres they impacted in 2024:

Winter Cereals Initiative	\$209,000	10,400 acres
Marginal Areas Program	\$230,000	2,600 acres
Revolving Land Program		2,100 acres
Forage Program	\$805,000	12,800 acres
Wetland restoration	\$1,600,000	320 acres

Conservation Easements projecting \$3,400,000 with an estimated 4,000 acres (statistics not finalized before publication)

2.3 MILLION ACRES CONSERVED SINCE 1938: CONSERVING VALUABLE HABITATS FOR THE FUTURE.

Why does biodiversity matter?

Biodiversity is the variety of life in the world or in a particular habitat or ecosystem. It's important because it reflects everything in nature that we need to survive and has a direct impact on our health and well-being. It also supports business and recreational activities that contribute to the economy.

Our approach to solving the biodiversity crisis

We work with our conservation partners to bring life back to threatened ecosystems through habitat conservation and restoration. **Solutions to halt and reverse the alarming trend of species loss are available, and we're hard at work delivering them.**

Ecosystem services are the essential benefits that natural landscapes provide to people, economies and communities. These include clean water, carbon storage, pollination, traditional foods and medicines, and more.

We improve natural resources and livelihoods through our conservation work. We restore and maintain ecosystem services by re-establishing and protecting the land's ability to store and gradually release floodwaters, filter and purify water, and recharge groundwater. This helps replenish aquifers essential for irrigation and drinking water, while also creating outdoor recreation opportunities that support overall well-being.

In Alberta's regions of most prolific waterfowl production, DUC focuses on delivering practical programs and developing projects that aid in the conservation and management of key wetland and upland habitat in working landscapes. Pressures on the land have never been greater – simply retaining existing habitats helps sustain biodiversity, but real gains require us to invest in restoration. **Re-establishing lost wetlands and grasslands supports waterfowl, wildlife and healthy landscapes.**

