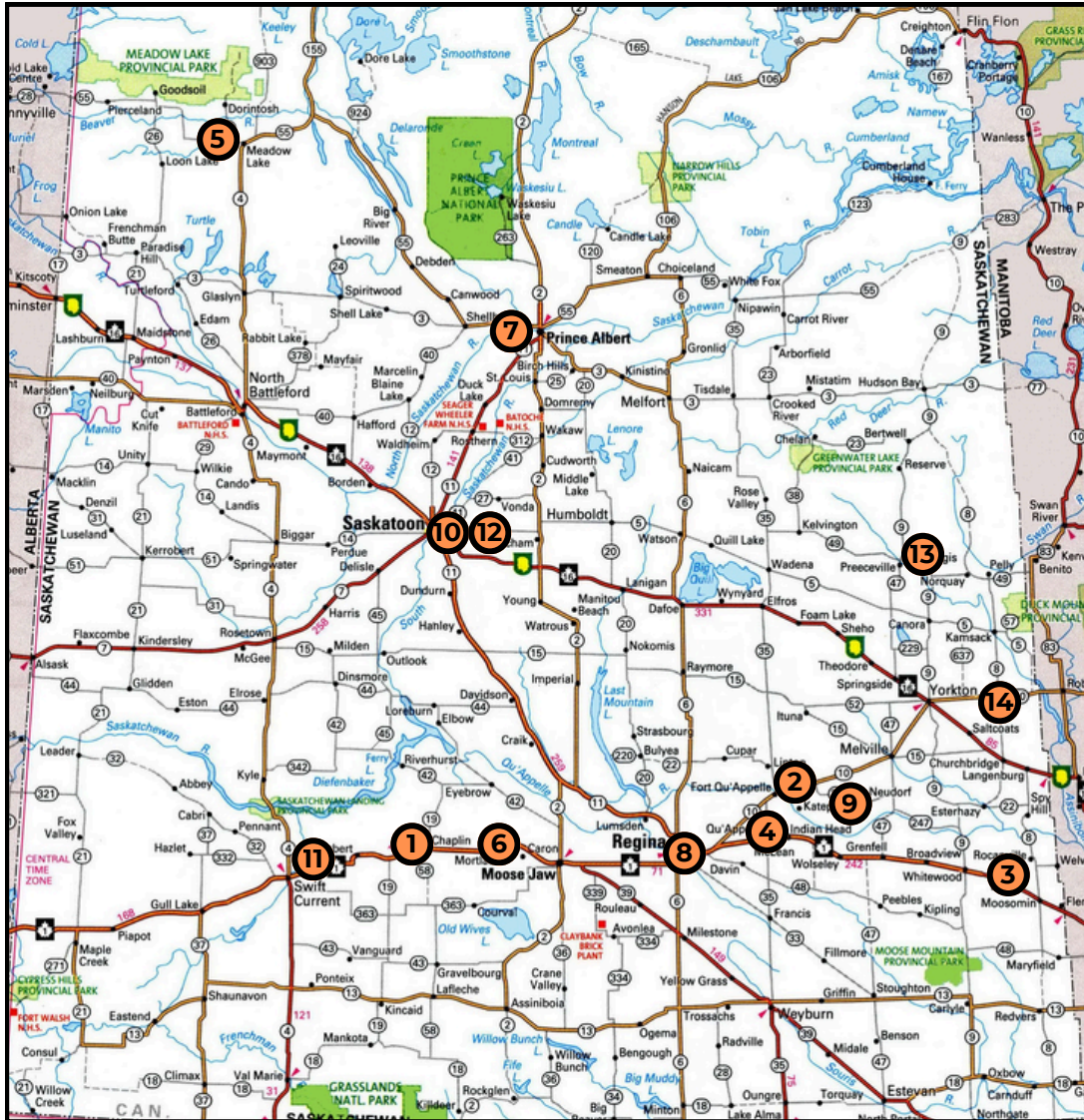


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Nature Saskatchewan Local Societies & Affiliates



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Front cover: left, Loggerhead Shrike (H. Greenwood), top right, Wild About Saskatoon's Pollinator Celebration and Native Plant Market (C. Savage), centre right, Yellowhead Nature Society, Bluebird Banding with Lorne Scott (P. Maier), bottom right, World Migratory Bird Day (L. Weekes)

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I am finishing my first year as President of Nature Saskatchewan and what a pleasure it has been to work with excellent staff that have enjoyed leadership and support from our new Executive Director, Peter Brown. Having a diverse and skilled Board of Directors has also made this job fulfilling and productive. We have done some great work over the past year as shown in this Annual Report but

We have many challenges before us with the increasingly damaging land drainage and habitat/species destruction that is occurring across our landscape. This is resulting in continued loss of wetlands and critical habitat for our migratory birds and multiple species that call Saskatchewan home. Climate change impacts continue to accrue with Saskatchewan having the largest (by a country mile!) per capita greenhouse gas emissions in Canada. It has recently been announced that Saskatchewan plans to refurbish our coal-fired power plants to extend their life beyond 2030 at a price tag of 2 billion with recent estimates per leaked documents as high as 26 billion (including operating and maintenance costs). It would make more sense to invest in renewable power sources such as wind and solar (and gas fired as required) to reduce our record emissions as other jurisdictions have planned.

We have much to do as an organization in partnership with many like-minded groups in Saskatchewan to build a stronger and united voice in protecting our existing habitat, preventing further losses occurring and rebuilding the significant losses that have occurred over past decades.

I ask every reader to think how you can speak out and educate your children, family and many others to protect our precious and vulnerable "nature" as written in our name: Nature Saskatchewan. We look forward to your support and efforts in meeting our many challenges in the year ahead.



Joe Muldoon
President
Nature Saskatchewan



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we complete the 2025-26 year and move into 2026-27, I want to thank the Board of Directors for their support and confidence in me in my first full year as their Executive Director. I also want to thank my staff for their work effort, and for their love of nature which is so precious to all of us. The staff have made this a busy and rewarding year.

During this past year, we oversaw the construction of a new permanent structure bird banding station at the Last Mountain Bird Observatory (LMBO) to replace an aging trailer. It came about in a large part through a generous financial contribution from the Anaka family. This new building has now been officially named the “Bill & Joyce Anaka Banding Station” at the Last Mountain Bird Observatory. In total, the new station represents an investment of over \$400,000 in tracking the presence, health and diversity of songbirds in the Last Mountain corridor. It also serves as a beacon of our commitment and appreciation of nature. The station is open to the public during spring and fall migration and we encourage you to visit.

In July of 2025, Nature Saskatchewan was blessed to receive a 160-acre parcel of land via bequest from John Alexander Dykes of Arran, SK. John was an avid supporter and steward of nature and wanted the conservation value of his property to remain protected. Nature Saskatchewan is very thankful for his gift and have added it to our list of eight other nature sanctuaries in the province that we manage.

As many of you know, Nature Saskatchewan is also a publisher and has been publishing nature related books and guides since 1958 with 42 publications in total to date. Our most recent offering, *Saskatchewan Butterflies – A Field Guide* was launched in November 2025. It is a very colourful and informative book thanks to the efforts of its four authors: Mike Gallop, Anna Leighton, Philip Taylor, and Lorne Ducek.

Development of an effective Saskatchewan wetland policy by our Province remains a challenge and an opportunity. Nature Saskatchewan has and will continue to support efforts to this end as we are the only province in Canada without such a policy.

This is a message we endeavoured to deliver this past year and will continue to do so as we move forward. Nature Saskatchewan’s approach is to be part of a solution that benefits all.



Peter J. Brown
Executive Director
Nature Saskatchewan



OUR VALUES

Nature Saskatchewan aims to practice and balance these core, defining values:

Openness and Learning - We pursue:

- effective two-way communications at all levels;
- open, clear, collaborative processes; and
- continuous, mutual and open-minded learning.

Collaboration - We place a priority on:

- working through and nurturing partnerships externally;
- functioning through a supportive, team environment internally; and
- developing respectful and inclusive relationships in all activities at all levels.

Dedication - We demonstrate:

- passion for the cause of conserving nature;
- commitment to sound science;
- best organizational practices and standards in a context of continuous improvement; and
- integrity in our words and actions.

Photo: M. Lang

VISION

Humanity in
Harmony with
Nature

Photo: M. Andersen

MISSION

We engage and inspire people to appreciate, learn about and conserve Saskatchewan's natural environment

Photo: S. Vinge-Mazer

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

STEWARDS OF SASKATCHEWAN (SOS)

The Stewards of Saskatchewan (SOS) programs had another successful season in 2025-26. SOS engages land stewards in conserving habitat where species at risk occur. It is comprised of Operation Burrowing Owl (OBO), Rare Plant Rescue (RPR), Shrubs for Shrikes (SFS), Plovers on Shore (POS), and the SOS Banner Program that focuses on at-risk species not captured by the other programs.

As of 2025, across the suite of 5 programs, there are 1,250 program participants conserving over 1,073,318 acres (434,362 hectares) of grassland habitat and 223 miles (359 km) of shoreline habitat for wildlife and plants across Saskatchewan.

Operation Burrowing Owl (OBO)

In 2025-26, OBO visited with 35 land stewards on-site and 4 site-specific species-at-risk beneficial management practices plans were developed. In the 2025 census of the Burrowing Owl at OBO sites, OBO participants reported 39 pairs, 25 singles, and 52 young.

Rare Plant Rescue (RPR)

In 2025-26, RPR visited 29 land stewards on-site and searched 142 sites (quarter sections or portions of quarter sections) for rare plants and found the target species on 20 sites. Monitoring was carried out for previously known occurrences on 30 sites. The target species was found on 18 sites.

Shrubs for Shrikes (SFS)

In 2025-26, SFS visited 84 land stewards on-site and developed 12 site-specific species-at-risk beneficial management practices plans. In the 2025 census of the Loggerhead Shrike at SFS sites, SFS participants reported 204 pairs and 62 young.

Plovers on Shore (POS)

In 2025-26, POS visited 17 land stewards on-site and developed 7 site-specific species-at-risk beneficial management practices plans. In the 2025 census of Piping Plovers at POS sites, POS participants reported 32 pairs, 8 singles, and 21 juveniles.

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“Anything I can learn about the place I live makes me a better steward.”

-SOS Participant

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“I find the information in the BMPs (beneficial management practices plans) very helpful, I always learn something about the species covered in them.”

-SOS Participant

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Stewards of Saskatchewan Banner Program (SOS)

SOS participants are conserving land that supports Sprague's Pipits, Bobolinks, Ferruginous Hawks, Barn Swallows, Common Nighthawks, Short-eared Owls, Northern Leopard Frogs, Tiger Salamanders, Horned Grebes, Western Grebes, Long-billed Curlews, Chestnut-collared Longspurs, American Badgers, Chimney Swifts, Bank Swallows, Baird's Sparrows, Great Plains Toads, Gypsy Cuckoo Bee, Dusky Dune Moth, Verna's Flower Moth, Yellow-bellied Racer, Gibson's Big Sand Tiger Beetle, Mormon Metalmark, and Monarchs. In the 2025-26 field season, SOS visited 101 land stewards on site. In 2025-26, several beneficial management practices plans were developed for specific species-at-risk.

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“We ... have made our pastures more inviting to the species but are always open to improving the conditions to entice them back. Thanks for your important work!”

-SOS Participant

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Habitat Enhancement (HE)

Habitat Enhancement project support is also available through the SOS programs. Habitat Enhancement for the Burrowing Owl and Sprague's Pipit is accomplished through strategic cropland conversion to enlarge pastures and reduce fragmentation, and strategic (wildlife-friendly) fencing to improve pasture health. Fencing and alternate water source developments for livestock are also supported to preserve newly planted and native prairie areas.

Piping Plover HE is accomplished through fencing and alternate water developments to keep livestock away from shorelines used by plovers. Ferruginous Hawk HE is accomplished through protective fencing around existing Ferruginous Hawk nesting platforms/trees. In 2025-26, two fencing projects for Burrowing Owls, and one for Burrowing Owls and Sprague's Pipit, were completed.



Photo: R. Maddess



NatureHood

We delivered 9 field trips to the Last Mountain Bird Observatory banding station, serving a total of 256 students. We are grateful for the strong partnership with Regina Open Door Society. We also provided 50 new Canadian youth with the opportunity to connect with nature in their new home and learn about migratory songbirds who share this land. We continue to partner with community schools in Regina. These schools support many marginalized students with a high population of Indigenous and new Canadians. For many of these students, participating in a NatureHood field trip is the first time they have gone bird-watching, used binoculars, or even left the city.

An essential aspect of the NatureHood program is to connect youth to the importance of National Wildlife Areas and Migratory Bird Sanctuaries. This year, we were able to provide 448 youth with 15 field trips and participated in six public events in the Wascana Migratory Bird Sanctuary.

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“Thank you for the field trip. It was really fun learning about all the new plants and animals. I learned about Chokecherry and Sage and many others. Thanks for paying, taking the time out of your day, and guiding us along the way.”

—Grade 5 student

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During these trips, we emphasize the importance of healthy ecosystems throughout a bird’s migration route, providing places to rest and refuel. Students learn about the interconnectedness of these sites and why it’s so imperative to maintain and protect them for future generations.

In September, we piloted our first paid tour at the Last Mountain Bird Observatory. We gained feedback from partners in the bird tourism industry. Fall tours will be available to book on our website soon.

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“Thank you for teaching us about nature. I still remember all the berry names! My favourite part of the trip was when we went looking for bugs, and I got to touch a minnow. The Chokecherry berries were delicious, and I can’t wait to turn the Wolfwillow seeds into bracelets! The hike was also amazing because there was so many plants and the view was beautiful. The field trip was amazing and thank you for guiding us.”

—Grade 5 student

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Photo: NatureHood field trip, L. Weekes

Last Mountain Bird Observatory (LMBO)

Spring migration during the 2025 season was very slow. The total number of birds captured at 276 was the fewest in the history of LMBO. The total number of species at 41 was also a record low. The catch rate of 304 birds/1000 net hours was also below the average of 445. This slow spring followed a record slow fall may be due to poor breeding success in 2024.

Fall migration seemed to pick up. The number of birds captured in the autumn of 2025 was only slightly lower than the average. Our second Varied Thrush was banded, with the previous bird captured on the 16 May 2021. For the first fall in the history of LMBO, no American Goldfinches were captured! Goldfinches were, however, frequently noted on the daily census.

During the open season at LMBO, we welcomed 329 visitors to the station and were happy to share not only information about birds and the bird banding process but to also spread joy and awareness about nature.

The Last Mountain Bird Observatory has now been in operation for more than 35 years. Throughout that time, it has seen its banders through many different iterations of the station — from the very first days when Al Smith would band out of a small camper to the modified 1970s trailer, to the shed in 2024, and to the table and umbrella in 2026.

During 2025-26 year, construction of the new banding station at LMBO continued to completion. The new station will host a new generation of banders and visitors and help us continue to run LMBO for another 35 years. The new building was made possible thanks to funding from Environment and Climate Change Canada, the many donors of the Flight Partner Plan, and a generous donation from the estate of Bill and Joyce Anaka. The building



Photo: Last Mountain Bird Observatory (LMBO), J. Rustad

is being named the 'Bill and Joyce Anaka Banding Station' in honour of their donation and the legacy it will leave on Saskatchewan's conservation community.

The new station has a larger interpretive space, which will be completed with educational paneling as funding becomes available. The new banding lab also has more space allowing us to better support the training of volunteers. In addition, we've installed a camera and screen so that all visitors can view our hands as we band small songbirds.

The station also has living quarters for our staff and volunteers, including two bedrooms, a kitchen, bathroom, and living room. LMBO already has a legacy of a long-running data set and one of the longest continually running stations in North America. Our hope is that the station is able to contribute to scientific datasets and inspire the public to connect to nature for generations to come.



Photo: Yellow-rumped Warbler, J. Rustad

Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas (IBA) & Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA)

Saskatchewan has 52 Important Bird Areas. These IBAs rely on a Volunteer Caretaker Network to monitor bird populations and environmental concerns in these areas. Our volunteers make the conservation of these areas possible.

Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) are the most significant sites on Earth for nature, ranging from vast deserts to the depths of the ocean. These areas are crucial for maintaining the health of our planet and ensuring various species can survive. The KBA Partnership is helping prevent the rapid loss of biodiversity. How? By supporting nationally led efforts to identify these critical places for the survival of unique fauna and flora – and the ecological communities they comprise – and then using them to guide conservation investment and action. 30 Saskatchewan IBAs are now also designated as KBAs.

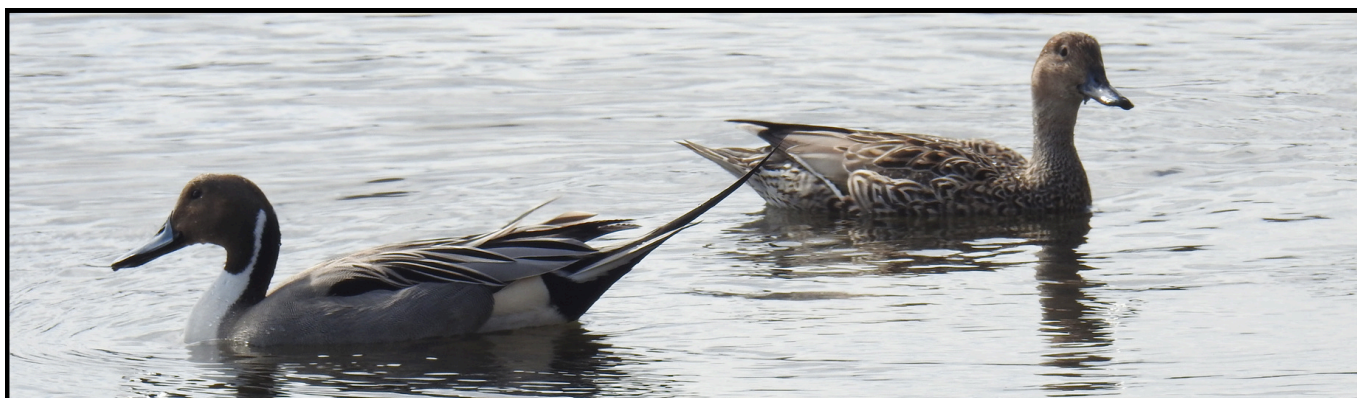


Photo: Northern Pintail, M. Haga

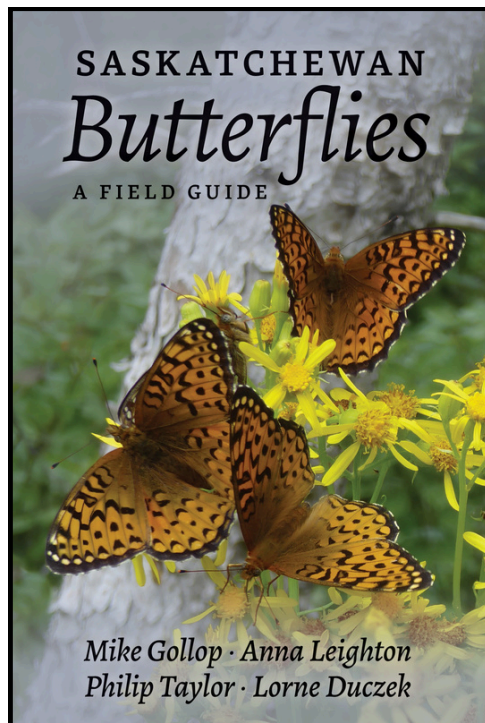
MEMBER SERVICES

Publications

In the fall of 2025 Nature Saskatchewan published its 42nd publication, *Saskatchewan Butterflies: A Field Guide*. Co-Authors Mike Gollop, Anna Leighton, Philip Taylor and Lorne Duczek, with the help of Special Publications Editor Donna Bruce, produced a visually stunning and information filled field guide that will be useful to many who are out exploring.

Saskatchewan Butterflies illustrates, in detail, all 158 butterfly species found in Saskatchewan to date.

Blue Jay maintained its longstanding reputation as a well respected journal in 2025-26 with thoughtful and intriguing content. In early 2026, we were happy to bring back some youth content to *Blue Jay* with a new standing feature, *Next Gen-Naturalists*. We would like to thank Editor Annie McLeod for her care, professionalism, and continued commitment to producing a respected and engaging publication.



Membership

Nature Saskatchewan currently has close to 750 dedicated members representing both rural and urban communities across the province. Our spring and fall member meets were hosted in Yorkton and Moosomin and we extend our sincere thanks to the local organizing groups whose hard work and welcoming nature made both events a success.

We would also like to thank all of our members for their engagement throughout the year. We appreciate you for taking the time to communicate and connect with us, your perspectives help guide and support our work.

Margaret Skeel Graduate Student Scholarship

The Margaret Skeel Graduate Student Scholarship was awarded to two students this past year in the amount of \$3,000 each.

The first recipient was Mia Nemeth from Saskatoon, SK. Mia's research focuses on how sociocultural and socioeconomic experiences and perspectives shape the stewardship and success of the wild, free-roaming Sturgeon River plains bison herd.

The second recipient was Bronte Bowling. Bronte's research project focuses on how pesticide use affects prairie bird species, with a focus on exposure pathways that influence conservation outcomes.

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of the Saskatchewan Natural History Society:

The accompanying summarized financial statements, which comprise the summarized statement of financial position as at March 31, 2026, and the summarized statements of revenue and expenditures, accumulated surplus, and trust fund obligations for the year then ended are derived from the audited financial statements of the Saskatchewan Natural History Society for the year ended March 31, 2026. I expressed an unqualified audit opinion on those financial statements in my report dated June 16, 2026.

The summarized financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations. Reading the summarized financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of the Saskatchewan Natural History Society.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these summarized financial statements.

Auditors' Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the summarized financial statements based on my procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

Opinion

In my opinion, the summarized financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of the Saskatchewan Natural History Society for the year ended March 31, 2026 are a fair summary of those financial statements, in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations.

Regina, Saskatchewan
June 16, 2026



Robert D. Szautner
Chartered Professional Accountant


SASKATCHEWAN NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Summarized Statement of Financial Position
 March 31, 2026 with comparative figures for 2025

	2026	2025
Assets		
Operating Fund - Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 230,291	\$ 134,252
Accounts Receivable	255,243	270,224
GST Receivable	12,692	7,334
Inventory	87,921	81,309
Summr Prepaid Expenses	9,908	56,385
Investments	170,375	605,446
	<u>766,430</u>	<u>1,154,950</u>
Operating Fund - Capital Assets	<u>655,464</u>	<u>131,731</u>
Trust Fund - Assets		
Cash	-	120,000
Investments	439,908	282,964
	<u>439,908</u>	<u>282,964</u>
	<u>\$ 1,861,802</u>	<u>\$ 1,689,645</u>
Liabilities		
Operating Fund - Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ 76,922	\$ 192,097
Deferred Revenue	233,031	276,079
	<u>309,953</u>	<u>468,176</u>
Deferred Contributions - Capital	222,720	-
Trust Fund Obligations	403,032	402,964
	<u>935,705</u>	<u>871,140</u>
Accumulated Surplus		
Equity in Capital Assets	432,744	131,731
Restricted Assets	747,220	681,431
Unappropriated Surplus	(253,867)	5,343
	<u>926,097</u>	<u>818,505</u>
	<u>\$ 1,861,802</u>	<u>\$ 1,689,645</u>

Approved on Behalf of the Board


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SASKATCHEWAN NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Summarized Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

For the year ended March 31, 2026 with comparative figures for 2025

	2026	2025
Revenues		
Operating Fund		
Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund	\$ 165,000	\$ 165,000
Capital asset grants	9,280	-
Administration	198,393	302,637
Conservation	36,121	21,930
Education	56,800	51,961
Member Services	49,567	60,522
Research	629,512	981,186
	<u>1,144,673</u>	<u>1,583,236</u>
Restricted Funds		
Life Member	12,895	4,252
Manley Callin	15,165	(14,004)
MOTUS Technology	10,098	(4,080)
Nature Legacy	27,291	8,611
Special Publications	3,990	1,259
	<u>69,439</u>	<u>(3,962)</u>
Trust Funds		
Scholarship	3,000	3,000
Interest and Investment Income	36,876	-
	<u>39,876</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	<u>1,253,988</u>	<u>1,582,274</u>
Expenditures		
Operating Fund		
Administration	429,782	382,244
Conservation	35,234	20,368
Education	56,800	51,961
Member Services	70,973	95,619
Research	681,397	1,035,341
	<u>1,274,186</u>	<u>1,585,533</u>
Trust Funds		
Scholarship	3,000	3,000
	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
	<u>1,277,186</u>	<u>1,588,533</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ (23,198)</u>	<u>\$ (6,259)</u>

SASKATCHEWAN NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Summarized Statement of Accumulated Surplus

For the year ended March 31, 2026 with comparative figures for 2025

	Life Member	Manley Callin	MOTUS Technology	Nature Legacy	Special Publications	Capital Assets	Operating	2026	2025
Surplus at beginning of year	\$ 124,391	\$ 165,506	\$ 50,126	\$ 297,860	\$ 43,548	\$ 131,731	\$ 5,343	\$ 818,505	\$ 824,764
Inter Fund Allocation	(3,650)	-	-	-	-	190,122	(186,472)	-	-
Donated Land	-	-	-	-	-	130,790	-	130,790	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	12,895	15,165	10,098	27,291	3,990	(19,899)	(72,738)	(23,198)	(6,259)
Surplus at End of the Year	\$ 133,636	\$ 180,671	\$ 60,224	\$ 325,151	\$ 47,538	\$ 432,744	\$ (253,867)	\$ 926,097	\$ 818,505

CONSERVATION REPORT

Nature Saskatchewan has had another busy year with several items coming to our attention.

Two initiatives from the Federal Government required responses this year. The licensing of strychnine for the control of Richardson's Ground Squirrels is a concern. The poison will not be available until mid-summer when many of the rodents are already hibernating. In media interviews, Nature Saskatchewan has stated that the Strychnine should only be used as a last resort, as secondary poisonings are an issue. Fortunately, many producers manage the landscape in a sustainable manner. Thus, excessive ground squirrel numbers are not an issue. Many other producers resort to shooting as they do not like using poison.

The Federal government is proposing to open hunting seasons on Tundra Swans and Mourning Doves. Their main reasons are; other jurisdictions allow hunting seasons, and populations are stable. Nature Saskatchewan is strongly opposed to the hunting of both of these species. Why allow the hunting of swans when abundant snow and Canada geese are increasing under hunting pressure and provide

better meat than wetland swans? It is apparent that sporting opportunities is the main reason to allow the shooting of swans. We cannot endorse such reasoning. A hunting season on mourning doves is even more bizarre. In the Southern United States, where mourning doves are hunted, the birds gather in large flocks and feed in open fields. The doves are songbirds that come here to nest and rear their young. They are found sitting on power lines and at backyard bird feeders. Hardly a sporting opportunity. Doves also raise several broods of young, with the last young fledging as late as September. There is NO justification for having a mourning dove hunting season in Saskatchewan.

Wetland drainage continues to be a controversial issue. Last fall, a group of landowners met to discuss how we can profile illegal drainage and the consequences of unenforced drainage and the many impacts downstream. Farmers mostly from east central Saskatchewan recently formed the group Farmers for Fair Drainage. In April they distributed a leaflet to over 12,000 mailboxes in dozens of communities. The mail out produced debate and showed landowners that they are

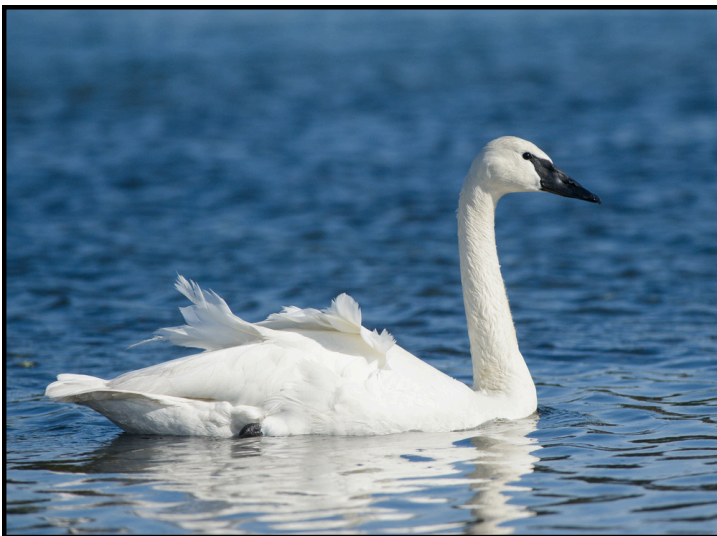


Photo: Tundra Swan, M. Haga



Photo: Mourning Dove, A. Vass

not the only ones being affected by illegal drainage. Saskatchewan is the only jurisdiction in Canada without a Wetland Conservation Policy. Individuals from Nature Saskatchewan are assisting the farmers on this initiative. A firm wanting to extract Bentonite from spoil piles in the Caledonia Community Pasture near Weyburn has asked Nature Saskatchewan for guidance and assistance before they start salvage operations. Nature Saskatchewan Board and Staff members will be meeting with representatives this summer to look at the best options for this work to progress.

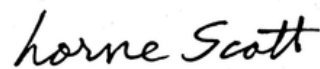
Nature Saskatchewan continues to support and participate in the Saskatchewan rollout of Birds Canada's Motus wildlife monitoring network, especially in coordination with a project that also involves the University of Saskatchewan. As well as a monitoring station at the Last Mountain Bird Observatory, this work has established or supported monitoring stations further south along Last Mountain Lake, and at several other sites in various parts of the province.

We continue to partner with the Chaplin Nature Centre and remain committed to supporting its work as needed.

Thanks to a generous bequest from Bill and Joyce Anaka of Yorkton, we were able to provide long over do work on new facilities at Last Mountain Bird Observatory. Information about the new banding station can be found in this report.

Nature Saskatchewan remains a respected voice for nature in Saskatchewan. We thank you for your support as Board and Staff work on the above issues and more throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorne Scott
Conservation Director
Nature Saskatchewan



Photo: M. Lang

LOCAL SOCIETY REPORTS

Saskatoon Nature Society (SNS)

Things are going well here at SNS! David Forbes was re-elected as president, and we are excited about the new crew coming on the executive. We are healthy, and we are doing our best to meet our goals. We want to acknowledge our volunteers, those folks that are the ones to make things happen in the SNS.

Our three themes of conservation, education and advocacy are vital goals that stand out in making SNS a truly valued legacy nature organization here in Saskatoon.

CONSERVATION

- Citizen Science activities such as our annual bird counts
- We signed 3 yr. renewal partnership agreement with NCC
- Participated in the relaunch of the Saskatoon Urban National Park's (SUNP)
- Renewed efforts to have Saskatoon certified as a Bird-Friendly City.
- We petitioned the City to treat the City Hall windows, getting over 500 signatures at our tables at Broadway Street Fair and 33rd St Fair and they are going to fix them!
- We received a start-up grant of \$3000 from Nature Canada to help us get going.

EDUCATION

Our Programming committee continued to present thoughtful and provocative speakers. 3 groups received Kids in Nature grants, providing nature experiences for kids! Our field trips continue to be a big success.

ADVOCACY

We made comments on the proposed provincial Environmental Management Protection Act amendments and the Federal proposed migratory birds hunting regulation changes.

We continued to call for an effective Wetlands policy for the province.

We called on the city to fix their windows to reduce bird collisions.

By the end of 2025 our membership was getting very close to 500!! All of this indicates that we are doing fine!

Thanks – see you out on the trails!

David Forbes



Photo: Saskatoon Nature Society Young Naturalists
*Photos courtesy of Saskatoon Nature Society

Kelsey Ecological Society (KES)

Connecting people, places and nature in 2025!

In 2025, KES once again hosted a range of well-attended events, including participation in the Preeceville Nordic Loppet, a regional “Snakes and Forts” tour, a presentation on the Last Mountain Bird Observatory, a tour of the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation (SWF) Thorson Land Trust, a panel discussion on nature-friendly farming, and the revival of the Christmas Bird Count, which recorded 149 birds across 11 species.

We held an AGM, four member meetings, and several board meetings, with key outcomes including revision and relaunch of our \$300 student bursary, discussing conservation and land-use concerns (e.g. Porcupine Hills Provincial Park and local waterways), and renewed collaboration with Nature Saskatchewan leadership.

We continued to grow our outreach and programming in Preeceville area and beyond. Our Facebook presence expanded, generating over 30,000 views, with a standout post on the Thorsons’ land

donation to SWF reaching more than 8,000 views. Communication efforts also included event posters, a series of local newspaper articles, and regular member emails.

Overall, 2025 was a year of increased visibility, active community engagement, and continued commitment to conservation, education, and stewardship in the Preeceville area. We’re excited to see more of the same in 2026!

Submitted by,
Suzanne Joyce
Kelsey Ecological Society



Top: KES president Ken Lozinsky and long-time member Edgar Thorson admiring the view of the Assiniboine River on land donated by the Thorson's to the SWF.

Bottom: One popular KES event in 2025 was a tour of the SWF Thorson Land Trust, a five-quarter section land donation of Edgar and Doreen Thorson to Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation. Here, Edgar (red jacket, white cap) leads KES members to a scenic spot along the banks of the Assiniboine River.

*Photos courtesy of Kelsey Ecological Society

Nature Regina

Our Bird Safe Initiative team conducted two tours of the downtown again this past year, recording dead or injured birds in their spring and fall migrations through our city. Our 2026 spring BSI morning walks ran daily from May 11 - 17 at 6:30 a.m. To date, we have collected 331 Birds, 63 of which represent 53 different species, some of which were alive and sent to Salthaven West for rehab.

We have been working with the University of Regina's Archer Library to create an event on bird-window collisions, titled Fragile Flight: Bird Conservation in Human Spaces. Our World Migratory Bird Day event this year featured guest speakers Michael Measure of FLAP Canada and Dr. Ryan Fisher of the RSM. Talks were followed by a campus and area field trip. Going forward, we hope to help establish an on-campus monitoring group for window collisions.

Trevor Herriot kindly offered to lead weekly field trips this spring, called "Bird by Bird," focused on 18- to 30-year-olds. We're getting a lot of positive feedback from this initiative aimed at engaging young adults. We have very active programs for children and seniors, and we're hoping to fill in the gap with this new endeavour.

We continue to be actively involved with Bird Friendly City Regina, Christmas Bird Counts, the David Suzuki Foundation Butterflyway Project, and Nature Saskatchewan's CBC4Kids. Friends of Wascana Marsh recently joined Nature Regina as a program area.

Our Native Plant program continues to expand as we develop new projects and partnerships, providing native seeds, plants, and advice to many organizations, such as community associations, schools, and the Regina Public Library.

This will be our second year with a Native Plant Garden Leader contract position for the Royal Saskatchewan Museum. A memorial water fountain honouring volunteers past and present was added in 2025, providing water for birds and insects visiting the garden.

I am happy to report that in 2025, the City of Regina declared a 22-hectare area park near the Callie Curling Club as a Biodiversity Reserve. This reserve land will now be protected from development and maintained as a rassland reserve. The declaration was the result of the hard work of many nature groups, including Public Pasture, Public Interest, the EnviroCollective, Nature Regina, and interested members of the public, as well as support from city counsellors, particularly David Froh (Ward 3). We will collaborate with city staff and the City's Elder Advisory Committee to select a suitable name for the area and continue working with the city on stewardship of the reserve, including protecting this important habitat in the future.

We held our third annual Crocus Walk at the grasslands reserve on Earth Day, and more than 100 people attended.

Respectfully,
Elaine Ehman
President, Nature Regina



Photo: The RSM Garden maintained by Nature Regina since 1994.

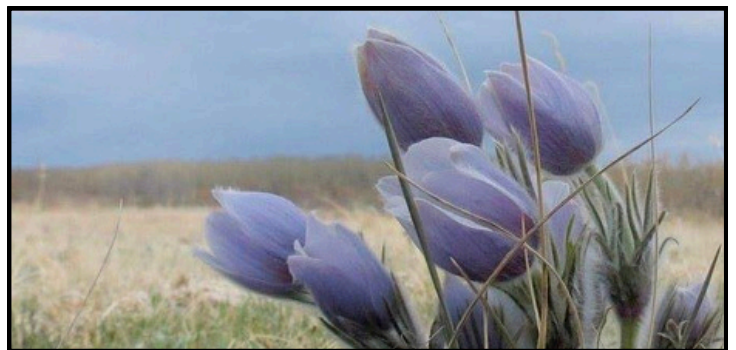


Photo: Earth Day event at Regina's Biodiversity Reserve (April 22, 2026)

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Yellowhead Nature Society

2025 was a fairly busy year for the Yellowhead Nature Society. IMBD was celebrated in the Knudsen's backyard with early morning coffee and goodies as well as bird watching. Arbor Day was recognized and celebrated with tree plantings at Saltcoats Regional Park and tree planting with children from Saltcoats Nursery School. We assisted Nature Saskatchewan with the Spring Meet held in Yorkton in June. We organized Road Allowance Project tours and Historic Walking Tour at Good Spirit Lake. Previous to the meet we brought in Myrna Pearman who gave a well received Owl presentation at the Yorkton Public Library. Work continued on the Road Allowance Project of mostly maintenance, but they also collaborated with the Fort Qu'Appelle Nature Society to set up their Road Allowance Project and assist with some signage. The Bill and Joyce Anaka Bluebird Trail was maintained by volunteers and we held another Bird Banding day with Lorne Scott. A group attended a presentation on LMBO hosted by the Kelsey Nature Society. Our newsletter, "What's Flying Around" continues to put out at least three issues a year under new editorship. More work was done to update our website, YFBTA.com. The end of summer BBQ was held at Maier's. We ended the year with a Christmas potluck gathering.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Paula Maier
President, Yellowhead Nature Society



Yellowhead Nature Society Bluebird Banding Trip with Lorne Scott. *Photo courtesy of Yellowhead Nature Society

Nature Prince Albert

Nature Prince Albert currently has a small group of members. This year we officially registered as a non-profit corporation, NaturePA.

We have monthly meetings with presentations from either a guest or one of our members. Last meeting we enjoyed birding images from Ecuador and Galapagos. We recently moved our venue from Sask. Polytechnic to the Margo Fournier Arts Centre, the historic former Town Hall and Opera House built in 1893.

We held our Christmas Bird Count on December 14, 2025, with 19 participants. Total number of birds on count day was 4908, thanks in large part to Bohemian Waxwings. The total species observed was 32 with another 9 seen during the in count period.

In 2026, we want to elevate our profile and do more with other organizations both in the Prince Albert area and across Saskatchewan.

Submitted by,
Gwen Klebeck

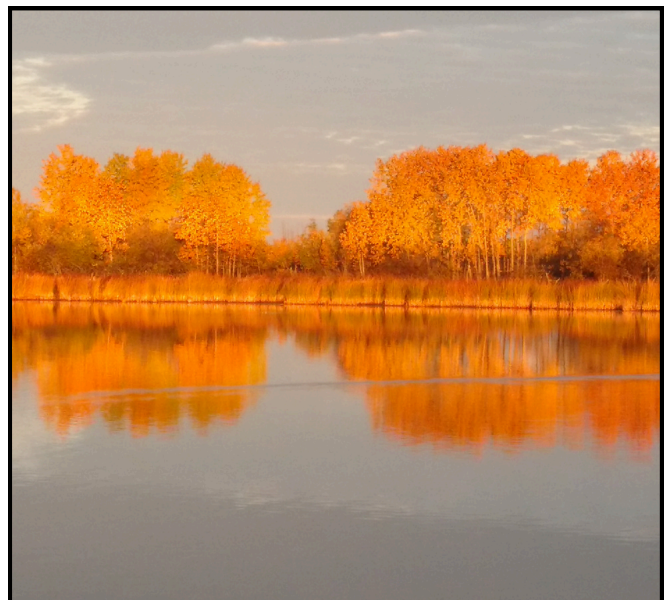
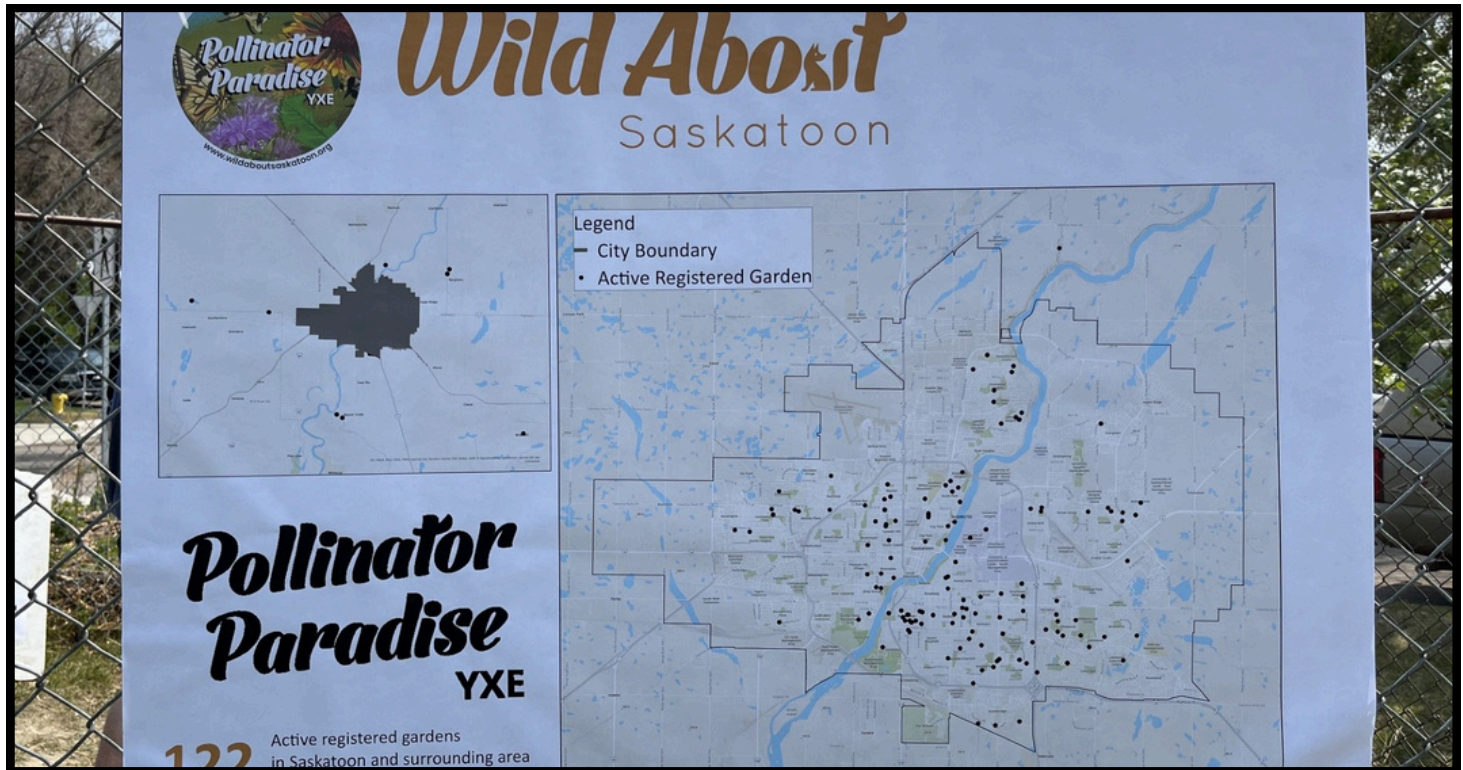


Photo: K. Clark, President of Nature Prince Albert

Wild About Saskatoon



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Wild About Saskatoon held another successful Pollinator Celebration and Native Plant Market in 2025 and will host again in 2026.

The Wild About Saskatoon Pollinator Paradise project has grown from 122 sites (shown on the above map) to 175 sites. They are anticipating another healthy increase this year.

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Left: Knowledge Keeper Roland Kaye and friends at World Migratory Bird Day
Right: Christmas Bird Count for Kids



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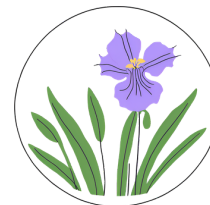
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