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A Home for Habitat

2014-15 Annual Report

About Nature Alberta

Nature Alberta has been celebrating nature through education and appreciation since 1970. Today, Nature Alberta operates as a non-profit organization under the *Societies Act* of Alberta and is a registered charity with the Canada Revenue Agency.

We Connect

Nature Alberta is a federation of 40 natural history clubs and 5,000 members.¹ Clubs appoint club representatives to be on Nature Alberta's Board of Directors, participate in province-wide projects like the breeding bird atlas, and discuss conservation issues using social platforms and other venues.

We Communicate

Nature Alberta uses a variety of communication tools to share knowledge about Alberta's natural heritage. *Nature Alberta* magazine explores a vast range of nature-related topics. Nature Alberta has also published a number of natural history books. Many of our resources are available online at www.naturealberta.ca. We also use social media to host a growing community of Albertans wanting to engage in the understanding and enjoyment of Alberta's wildlife and wild spaces.

We Create

Nature Alberta runs a number of programs that aim to help Albertans be good environmental stewards. The *Living by Water* program works with owners of shoreline properties in order to maintain, restore, and enhance lake health; the *Bird Conservation* program focuses on the conservation and biodiversity of birds in Alberta; *Nature Kids* provides a nature education program for young people and their families; and the *Citizen Science* program sees volunteers gathering data that is utilized for scientific research and conservation management.

We Care

Nature Alberta sets out to be a positive force that represents nature enthusiasts across our province. We continue to encourage open discussion and active participation toward the enjoyment and preservation of Alberta's natural environment.

We Can't Do It Alone

We are supported by individuals, foundations, conservation organizations, governments and corporations. By working together, we increase understanding, gain support and generate enthusiasm that can positively affect the future of Alberta's natural heritage.

¹ For a list of these clubs, please see appendix 1 or our website at www.naturealberta.ca.

Nature Alberta is guided by its vision and mission:

Vision

Alberta's natural heritage is widely enjoyed, deeply appreciated and thoroughly protected.

Mission

To be a strong voice and an active champion for the greater appreciation and conservation of Alberta's natural environment.

Our Philosophy

- All Albertans benefit by having access to a healthy, natural environment.
- Increased understanding of our natural heritage will lead to increased appreciation and result in greater protection of it.
- All native species of animals and plants have a right to co-exist with Albertans.



About this Report

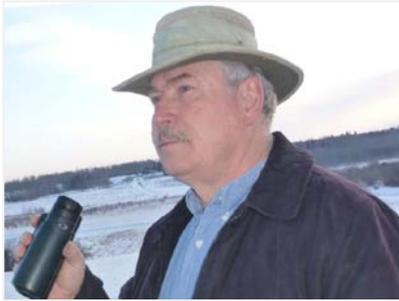
In 2013, the Nature Alberta Board of Directors approved changing the organization's fiscal year end from December 31 to March 31 in order to better reflect our financial and program activities. This involved accounting for the "mini-year" of January 1 – March 31, 2014 before we could begin the new fiscal period of April 1 – March 31, 2015. Hence, this report covers both periods.

This year, as we contemplate spring and the planting of gardens and flower beds, or perhaps the naturalization of backyards and other green spaces, our report theme is "*A Home for Habitat*".

*"Habitat for wildlife is continually shrinking.
I can at least provide a way station."*

Peter Coyote

Message from the President



As the President of Nature Alberta, I am pleased to present our 2014-15 annual report, detailing our continued efforts to grow awareness and appreciation for Alberta's natural heritage.

In 2014-15, Nature Alberta continued to work on our goal of ensuring our organization's strong foundation. We continued to engage our board members both at meetings and through a board survey. We also continued to engage our clubs and supporters. We thank those who have sponsored our work through grants (listed in acknowledgment section), donations and memberships, and hope you will continue to support nature through Nature Alberta.

Our four main programs had a very successful 2014-15. Our Young Naturalist Club, now rebranded to Nature Kids, is bringing awareness to increased numbers of young Albertans with clubs in more areas of the province. Living by Water had another stellar year at lakes throughout the province with particular recognition this year for their part in a growing success story working with the Pigeon Lake Watershed Alliance on bringing awareness to Pigeon Lake. This was our first big year in some time for our Bird Conservation program after lengthy efforts to obtain funding. The team was particularly busy with the international Important Bird Area (IBA) program for which Nature Alberta has provincial responsibility. Our Citizen Science program continues to promote engagement in our May counts and in all variously sponsored citizen science opportunities. Great inroads have been made this past year on sharing our provincial database information with the more globally accessible databases. We are proud of the achievements of these programs. Read more in their individual program reports.

As president, I wish to thank the enthusiasm and dedicated work of our very motivated staff for their successes through the year. I thank the Executive for their very many extra labours throughout the year; the Board for their volunteerism, support and efforts within the teams and as individuals; our representatives to the various organizations we participate in, and of course our Clubs and our many members for their continued support for Nature Alberta's vision that our natural heritage be widely enjoyed, deeply appreciated and thoroughly protected.

As always, we hope to hear from you over the coming year and that you find this annual report provides you with a good understanding of our activities and accomplishments through 2014-15, and a view to our 2015-16 plans to grow "a home for habitat" in Alberta.

Ted Hindmarch

2014-15 Highlights

Snow Goose Chase

This year, to provide the Nature Alberta Board of Directors a chance to get to know one another a bit better, the Annual General Meeting took advantage of Edmonton Nature Club's annual Snow Goose Chase near Tofield. For the added experience of learning more about one of our key programs, Directors were loaded on the same bus as a number of our Young Naturalists Club families. Everyone had a blast!

Spring Workshops

To make our Annual General Meeting a bit more educational, we added two workshops to the proceedings in 2014. After a Friday night board meeting, Saturday saw a Bird Conservation workshop, that evening we held our annual dinner and awards, followed Sunday by an Issues Management workshop.

A Packed Summer

Nature Alberta office was full to overflowing this summer with 12 staff hired on to carry out the programs of Nature Alberta.

Growing our E-audience

In 2014-15, Nature Alberta reached more Albertans electronically than ever before! Facebook "Likes" in particular shot forward from 200 to over 3,000. Our e-newsletter, YouTube videos, Linked-in and Twitter accounts also reach approximately another 1,000 individuals. We love our online community!

Financial Support

Nature Alberta, a charitable organization, again received outstanding support from its members and sponsors in 2014-15. We are grateful for this support without which we would not have been able to meet our goals this year.

"Research gathered over recent years has highlighted the countless benefits to people, wildlife and the environment that come from planting trees and creating new woodland habitat. Its obvious trees are good things."

Clive Anderson

Nature Alberta's 44th Operating Year

Background

The year 2014-15 marked Nature Alberta's 44th year of operations. Nature Alberta formed in 1970 as a federation of local natural history organizations in Alberta participating in the study, enjoyment, and conservation of Alberta's wildlife and habitat. Nature Alberta continues to be a 'voice' for Alberta's wildlife and wild spaces. The past year was no different with the Board and staff responding to many enquiries about issues affecting Alberta's natural resources.

Structure and Operations

Nature Alberta is a not-for-profit society and a registered charity governed by a Board of Directors. In turn, Directors are guided by the society's bylaws, a shared vision and a mission. The Board also develops policies and position papers on various issues from time to time. To guide its work, the Board of Directors produces several administrative and planning documents including a three-year strategic plan, annual operational plan and annual budget. The board met by teleconference in January during our "mini transitional year". They met twice during the 2014-15 fiscal year including the April Annual General Meeting where a new Board of Directors was elected (see the list of 2014-15 board members in Appendix 2); a November teleconference; and a January teleconference.

Membership and Affiliations

Nature Alberta also has approximately 450 individual, family and institutional members. This also includes 40 corporate and affiliate clubs, which in turn represent approximately 5,000 naturalists across Alberta. In 2014-15, Nature Alberta supported its clubs through a variety of actions. For example, through a joint policy, Nature Alberta facilitated affordable Commercial General Liability and Directors insurance for 24 member clubs. Nature Alberta also supported a number of club activities by assisting with a variety of club financial functions including soliciting grants, accepting donations, selling club books, etc. Finally, Nature Alberta has been working to increase its online presence and, in turn, has been cross-promoting the clubs and their activities via our online calendar, online club page and Facebook. Going forward, Nature Alberta remains committed to supporting member clubs and will be searching for ways to rejuvenate interplay and collaboration between clubs through on-going communication and knowledge-sharing.

Nature Alberta was pleased to have continued our active involvement in a number of partner organizations in 2014. Nature Alberta is a member of the Alberta Conservation Association (Sandra Foss, Ted Hindmarch), Alberta Endangered Species Conservation Committee (Lu Carbyn, Joseph Hnatiuk), Alberta Lake Management Society (Laura Edwards), Alberta Weed

Regulation Advisory Committee (Tony Blake), Ellis Bird Farm (Tony Blake) and Prairie Conservation Forum (Andrew Stiles).

Through our volunteers and our clubs, we have also had representation on various water, land-use and other conservation-related consultations. More regionally, we are represented on the Beaver Hills Initiative Working Groups for a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve for the unique Beaver Hills Moraine. Our individual programs teams also have their associations with provincial and national organizations related to their areas of engagement.

2014-15 Achievements and Progress

Team Progress

In the past, Nature Alberta has had a number of active committees. However, in order to improve the integration of the board and staff, and to ensure all aspects of Nature Alberta are receiving strategic guidance, a new structure was approved by the Board in 2012. This new structure sees the business of Nature Alberta divided into four areas – with a team to oversee each as follows:

Operations and Finance Team

The Operations and Finance Team, chaired in 2014-15 by Christine Brown, amalgamated the functions of Executive, Fundraising, Personnel/ Human Resources and Board Nominations. In 2014-15, this team oversaw Nature Alberta's day-to-day operations providing guidance to the Executive Director. Over the year, the Team reviewed and renewed the Nature Alberta *2015-2017 Strategic Plan*. This team oversaw fundraising and, after ending the previous year with a casino December 30-31, they started with the Hypothermic Half Marathon in February. In the final quarter of the year, the team also engaged in staffing research for the replacement of Petra Rowell as Executive Director. Petra served three years in the role and decided to move onto other endeavors. The team also formed the core with other board members in starting the initial planning for our 45th anniversary celebrations in 2015-16

Strategic Relations Team

The Strategic Relations Team, chaired by Linda Howitt-Taylor, amalgamated previous functions of Awards, Volunteer and Member Recruitment and Recognition, Club Relations and Issues Management. This team has been actively working at strengthening Nature Alberta's club network. The team also oversaw Nature Alberta's awards program which saw the Loren Goulden award presented to Ray Cromie, the Honourary Life member award presented to Sandra Foss, and the Volunteer of the Year award presented to Jana Sneep. This Team also is responsible for overseeing how and when Nature Alberta is represented on other initiatives.

Communications Team

Chaired by Dennis Baresco, the Communications Team has been busy. Dennis and his team of contributors and proof-readers produced four *Nature Alberta* magazines in 2014. Many thanks to Judy Fushtey at Broken Arrow Solutions for magazine design and layout and Gracie Sonnenberg, Government of Alberta print shop, for overseeing magazine production. Ted Hindmarch, Circulation Manager, come sleet or snow or ice or hail, made sure magazines got out to our members. Tom Rowell scanned the first five years of the magazine online. They also worked with Cheyenne Lemery to improve Nature Alberta's electronic communications which include:

Facebook www.facebook.com/natureab

Current Facebook Followers: 1736 (an increase of 1,104 followers in one year). We have increased our Facebook following by 175% in under 12 months.

Twitter www.twitter.com/naturealberta

Twitter Followers: 824

Twitter followers increased by almost 30% (from 591 followers) in fewer than 12 months.

LinkedIn

Nature Alberta has two LinkedIn accounts; a personal page and one company page. Combined, these represent over 600 additional contacts and growing.

YouTube www.youtube.com/naturealberta

In the last year, Nature Alberta's YouTube page received an update to layout. In the last 12 months, videos have received almost 1,000 views.

eNews

Nature Alberta released an online newsletter, sent every two months starting February. Over the last year, six e-newsletters were sent to over 1000 Nature Alberta contacts at a time (over 6000 send outs). The industry open rate (for non-profits) is 21.5%. Nature Alberta received an average open rate of 40.8% over the last year. Nature Alberta continues to refine its contact list ensuring that anti-spam requirements are being met while connecting to existing and potential members on a regular basis.

Website and Blogs

Last year, Nature Alberta refreshed its website, making it more robust as an online resource. In the last 12 months, 75 blog posts were created and linked to social media on topics ranging from club events, program updates and news from around the province.

Programming Team

The Programming Team, chaired by Geoff Holroyd, is responsible for developing a framework for the selection, implementation and coordination of Nature Alberta programs. This Team amalgamated previous Bird, Insect, Atlas and other committees. In 2014, this team focused on ensuring Nature Alberta's four core program areas are on a firm foundation. With guidance from the team, the Nature Kids and Living by Water programs delivered another solid year of events. Additionally, the Bird Conservation program was successfully re-invigorated. Towards the end of 2014, the team put their focus towards re-defining Nature Alberta's citizen science program.

As you can see, these four Teams have a lot on their plate and they have been busy in 2014. Team membership is not limited to Board members and teams are always looking for help. If you are interested in volunteering to be on a Nature Alberta team, please contact the office.

Office Staff and Volunteers

In 2014-15, Petra Rowell continued on part-time at Nature Alberta as Executive Director until announcing her resignation effective December 31, 2014. She continued on a volunteer basis through the end of April 2015, while a replacement was sought. We thank Petra for her management over the past 3 years. Janet Melnychuk provided book-keeping and store support. Vid Bijelic, who provided IT support for more than 10 years, left us in the spring to pursue graduate studies in Ottawa. Jordan Brown and Michael Rowell filled in and kept everything running. Program Managers and summer staff again did an outstanding job in 2014-15. Many thanks to Erin Campbell, Kurt Yakimovich, Laura Edwards, Greg Boorman, Candace Farrar, Emily Dong, Emily Cicon and Alyssa Bohart.

Office functions were also supported by a number of volunteers. We especially thank Ted Hindmarch for taking on the herculean task of cleaning up more than 40 years of corporate records and archives. We also owe a huge debt of gratitude to Christine Brown for rounding up more than 50 volunteers for a major fundraising event – the February Hypothermic Half Marathon. Directors Geoff Holroyd, Claudia Lipski and Martha Munz-Gue helped out with book sales at events across the Prairie Provinces. Claudia also maintained the Nature Alberta events calendar on our website. At the close of 2014-15, we were looking forward to a new Executive Director and relationship for 2015-16 through a shared services contract with the Land Stewardship Centre and Brian Ilnicki as our new shared Executive Director.

“Zoos are becoming facsimiles, or perhaps caricatures, of how animals once were in their natural habitat. If the right policies toward nature were pursued, we would need no zoos at all.”

Michael J. Fox

Program Progress

Living by Water, Greg Boorman

Living by Water (LBW) is a national initiative developed in 1997 by two waterfront residents. This unique program is designed to help waterfront residents employ environmentally-friendly practices on their property to help maintain shoreline and water health. Since 1999, LBW has been operating in Alberta. Through Homesite Consultations, LBW informs residents about their lake and encourages them

to be good environmental stewards by helping them to understand shoreline dynamics and best management practices. In 2014, the Project employed a Program Manager and three full time shoreline advisors during the summer months to conduct homesite consultations. An additional



shoreline advisor was employed part time via a shared position with the Alberta Lake Management Society. This summer, LBW completed 119 homesite consultations at 14 lakes including Pigeon Lake, Sylvan Lake, Clear Lake, Pine Lake, Wizard Lake, Crimson Lake, Lake Isle, Island Lake, Gull Lake, Ghost Lake, Little Beaver Lake, Lac St. Anne, Spring Lake, and Sandy Lake. Due to the high demand and short summer season we already have a waiting list of interested residents at nine lakes for 2015.

During 2014, LBW's presence in the province continued to grow. We were able to visit more lakes than any other year thus far including three new lakes that the program had never operated at before, including: Little Beaver Lake, Spring Lake and Dried Meat Lake. LBW was also represented at numerous events across Alberta including the ALMS annual workshop, Pigeon Lake "Walk and Talk", and the Gull Lake Centennial Celebration. The efforts of the LBW Project were mentioned in an article by the Edmonton Journal featuring the problems with fish die off and algae blooms at Pigeon Lake. Additionally LBW made an appearance in "Getting Water Wise – It's All Connected" a short video showcasing engaging and empowering Albertan residents in water management issues.



Young Naturalist Club, Candace Farrar

The Young Naturalists Club (YNC) was rebranded to Nature Kids at the end of 2014/15. The YNC/Nature Kids is a nature-focused program with the goal of teaching young children and their families about nature. YNC membership kits, Explorer Days, Family Nature Nights and the quarterly



Nature Wild e-magazine provide resources and opportunities for activities that promote being outdoors, observing nature, scientific investigation, environmental stewardship and healthy living. Over the course of 2014, YNCs around Alberta participated in over 30 Nature Education and Public Outreach events reaching over 600 Albertans and utilizing over 50 volunteers! YNC has 175 member families province-wide as of December 2014.

Throughout the year, YNC-Edmonton partnered with several organizations to present nine monthly Explorer Days and six Family Nature Nights (FNN). Many thanks to the City of Edmonton, Edmonton Nature Club, the Edmonton Science Outreach Network, Riverwatch, the Friends of Dunluce Forest, Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute and University of Alberta for their support in presenting FNNs in 2014! Similarly, YNC-Red Deer also had a very busy year, hosting monthly Explorer Days from January through December with topics including bugs, birds, trees, etc. Many thanks to Judy Boyd and the Red Deer River Naturalists for organizing and delivering YNC Red Deer events!



The YNC team grew with the addition of three new clubs in 2014. YNC Lakeland is now being led by Marianne Masters, a certified teacher. Marianne is working with Alberta Parks, the Lakeland Industry and Community Association and the Iron Horse Trail Association to plan Explorer Days for the region. We are also pleased to welcome Leanne Boissonault to the YNC team as the leader of newly formed YNC Morinville. The Town of Morinville has provided funds to promote the program in this community. Since their inception in August, YNC Morinville has already sky-rocketed to over 100 “likes” on Facebook. YNC events have just begun in Camrose, following meetings between YNC staff and interested community members.

Other YNC staff activities included a workshop that was developed and presented in Canmore for the Alberta Council for Environmental Education annual Earth Matters Conference. YNC staff also participated in five public outreach events. Two at Ellis Bird Farm in Lacombe, one in Hanna, at a children’s community camp and two in Edmonton in conjunction with the “Roots For Trees” program.

Bird Conservation, Erin Campbell

In 2014, Nature Alberta continued work to reinvigorate its Bird Conservation programming. At its core is the Important Birds Areas project. Information about Alberta's IBA sites was provided in the *2013 IBA Guide* which was distributed across



the province. In addition to promoting the guide, Nature Alberta staff visited several IBA sites over the summer, recruited several new IBA site caretakers, and participated in a number of birding events around the province. All together, 435 IBA visits were reported to Nature Alberta in 2014. This equated to 1,100 volunteer hours logged at 17 IBAs. Another 246 site visits were made at 21 IBA sites by individuals

submitting checklists to eBird but not reporting to Nature Alberta. As ebird is quickly becoming the preferred method for data record-keeping and retrieval, it seems to be a natural fit for Nature Alberta to promote its use. To date, eBird users have recorded 380 species in Alberta with 55,000 checklists submitted for the province.



To avoid putting all our eggs into one basket, Nature Alberta needs to broaden the IBA program into a more comprehensive bird conservation program that supports bird populations and their habitat throughout Alberta. Projects such as naturalizing backyards and putting up nestboxes are ways of creating bird habitat. Nature Alberta has in the past, and will continue to promote these and other

bird conservation efforts. Future effort to determine the state of bird conservation in Alberta and where we can best support it will inform further programming in this area.

Citizen Science



Since collecting data for the first breeding bird atlas, Nature Alberta has been involved in natural history data collection of bird, plant and other observations. Our network of strong of volunteers for the May Species Count, Alberta Birdlist Project, Prairie Nest Record Card Scheme and other observations have contributed to valuable natural history data for the province. Nature Alberta shares this data with several other organizations where it benefits the conservation

and protection of wildlife and wild spaces. This includes the PlantWatch program, Bird Studies Canada and Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute (ABMI). During the year, through our blog and other social media, Nature Alberta promoted a number of Citizen Science programs. We

look forward to continuing to grow this area in the future. In May 2014 Vid Bijelic, who managed our IT and citizen science data, took the opportunity to further his university studies for a Master's at the University of Ottawa and departed after 14 years with the organization.

A Word about Finances

The following is a summary of 2014 operations which saw a modest surplus of revenues over expenses. As always, volunteer and in-kind support has been critical in allowing Nature Alberta to be able to provide our current suite of programs and club support initiatives outlined in this report.

Statement of Operations*

January 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015

*(rounded for presentation purposes)

Revenue

Total Grants	\$ 216,201
Donations	\$ 29,890
Casino (net)	\$ 26,814
Sales and Services	\$ 12,468
Membership	\$ 13,341
Total Income	\$ 298,714

Expense

Programs	\$ 213,870
Operations	\$ 68,717
Total Expense	\$ 282,587

Acknowledgements

Nature Alberta would like to thank all the board members, their supporting organizations and their clubs for their work, input and in-kind support to Nature Alberta in 2014. We also thank all our individual, corporate, foundation and other 2014 donors.

Special thanks also go to the following for financial and in-kind grant support for 2014, without which the continued success of Nature Alberta would not have been possible:

- A. Lawrence Berry Family Environment Fund at the Calgary Foundation
- Alberta Conservation Association
- Alberta Emerald Foundation
- Alberta Sport Recreation Parks and Wildlife Foundation
- Canada Student Jobs (Government of Canada)
- Community Initiatives Program – Alberta Culture, Government of Alberta
- Community Spirit Grant – Government of Alberta
- Delta Helicopters Ltd
- Environmental Damages Fund (Environment Canada)
- Gosling Foundation
- Ivey Foundation
- John and Barbara Poole Foundation at the Edmonton Community Foundation
- Mountain Equipment Co-Op
- Nature Canada
- Pigeon Lake Watershed Association
- Sylvan Lake Watershed Stewardship Society
- Town of Morinville
- TD Friends of the Environment
- The Running Room
- United Way
- Wildbird General Store

And especially we thank all of you – our members – for your continued support!

“There would be very little point in my exhausting myself and other conservationist themselves in trying to protect animals and habitats if we weren’t at the same time raising young people to be better stewards.”

Jane Goodall

Appendix 1: Nature Alberta Clubs

- [Alberta Lake Management Society](#)
- [The Alberta Lepidopterists' Guild](#)
- [Alberta Mycological Society](#)
- [Alberta Native Plant Council](#)
- [Alberta Stewardship Network](#)
- [Beaverhill Bird Observatory Society \(BBO\)](#)
- [Beaver River Naturalists](#)
- [Bow-Kan Birders](#)
- [Big Lake Environmental Support Society](#)
- [Buffalo Lake Naturalists Club](#)
- [Cochrane Environmental Action Committee](#)
- [Crooked Creek Conservancy Society of Athabasca](#)
- [Crowsnest Conservation Society](#)
- [Calgary Bird Banding Society](#)
- [Edmonton Nature Club](#)
- [Edmonton Naturalization Group](#)
- [Ellis Bird Farm Ltd.](#)
- [Fort Saskatchewan Naturalist Society](#)
- [Friends of Blackfoot Society](#)[Friends of Elk Island](#)
- [Friends of Jasper National Park](#)
- [Friends of Little Beaver Lake Society](#)
- [Grant MacEwan Mountain Club](#)
- [Grassland Naturalists](#)
- [Heritage Tree Foundation of Canada](#)
- [JJ Collett Natural Area Foundation](#)
- [Lac La Biche Birding Society](#)
- [Lesser Slave Lake Bird Observatory](#)
- [Lethbridge Naturalists Society](#)
- [Little Creeks and Rough Fescue Appreciation Society](#)
- [Nature Calgary](#)
- [Peace Parkland Naturalists](#)
- [Purple Martin Conservancy](#)
- [Red Deer River Naturalists \(RDRN\)](#)
- [Riverlot 56 Natural Areas Society](#)
- [Stewards of Alberta's Protected Areas Association](#)
- [Vermilion River Naturalist Society](#)
- [Wagner Natural Area Society \(WNAS\)](#)
- [Weaselhead Glenmore Park Preservation Society](#)
- [Wizard Lake Watershed and Lake Stewardship Association](#)

Appendix 2: 2014 Board Members

CATEGORY	MEMBER	POSITION or AFFILIATION
Appointed Directors	Chuck Priestley	Past-President
	Ted Hindmarch	President, Communications Team Chair
	Linda Howitt-Taylor	Vice-President, Strategic Relations Team Chair
	Christine Brown	Treasurer, Operations and Finance Team Chair
	Geoff Holroyd	Director, Programming Team Chair
	Joseph Hnatiuk	Director
Elected Directors	Tony Blake	Red Deer River Naturalists
	Claudia Lipski	Secretary, Buffalo Lake Naturalists
	Lloyd Bennett	Lethbridge Naturalists Society
	Lu Carbyn	Edmonton Nature Club
	Chris Olsen	Vermilion River Naturalists Society
	Martha Munz-Gue	Grasslands Naturalists
	Liz Watts	Friends of Elk Island (new in 2014)
	Margot Hervieux	Peace Parkland Naturalists
	Jennifer Okrainec	Lac La Biche Birding Society
	John Stewart / Linda Stewart	Nature Calgary / Alternate
	Chrissie Smith/Jennine Pederson	Alberta Native Plant Council