

**NORTH AMERICAN WETLANDS CONSERVATION ACT  
CANADA GRANTS SUMMARIES, 2023-2 CYCLE**

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Project Name: BRITISH COLUMBIA CIJV WETLAND BIRD HABITAT CONSERVATION

Location: BRITISH COLUMBIA

Grantee Organization: THE NATURE TRUST OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Project Officer: Julian Zelazny

Project Country: CA

\*Partner Name: AMERICAN FRIENDS OF CANADIAN CONSERVATION, THE NATURE TRUST OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Date approved: 04/27/2023

Grant Award Amount: \$750,650

Proposed Match Amount: \$750,650

Joint Venture: CANADIAN INTERMOUNTAIN

Project Description: Project activities will occur within the Canadian Intermountain Joint Venture (CIJV) program area within British Columbia. Funds for this award will permanently secure 520 acres through simple fee acquisition. This project is located near the western and southern boundaries targeting freshwater wetlands, floodplain, agricultural lands, and wetland-associated uplands in grass-covered rangelands, will provide important breeding and nesting habitat for up to 24 species of waterfowl, as well as for other wetland associated birds. Waterfowl species include Bufflehead, Barrow's Goldeneye, Mallard, and Green-winged Teal, which are CIJV priority waterfowl species.

Project Name: BRITISH COLUMBIA PACIFIC BIRDS HABITAT & CANADIAN INTERMOUNTAIN  
CONSERVATION

Location: BRITISH COLUMBIA

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA

Project Officer: David Kustersky

Project Country: CA

\*Partner Name: DUCKS UNLIMITED, DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA

Date approved: 04/27/2023

Grant Award Amount: \$1,500,000

Proposed Match Amount: \$1,500,000

Joint Venture: CANADIAN INTERMOUNTAIN

Project Description: This project focuses on priority areas within the Canadian Intermountain Joint Venture (CIJV), including securing of 920 acres through conservation agreement, enhancing 220 rangeland acres (100 wetland and 120 upland acres) and enhancing, via agreement renewal and rebuilding of aging water control infrastructure, 700 acres (450 wetland and 250 upland acres). Ducks Unlimited Canada will accomplish stewardship through support of waterfowl-friendly cropping and invasive Spartina control on 11,000 acres of habitat.

Project Name: BRITISH COLUMBIA WETLAND-ASSOCIATED MIGRATORY BIRD HABITAT CONSERVATION

Location: BRITISH COLUMBIA

Grantee Organization: THE NATURE CONSERVANCY OF CANADA

Project Officer: Kathryn Folkl

Project Country: CA

\*Partner Name: AMERICAN FRIENDS OF CANADIAN NATURE, THE NATURE CONSERVANCY OF CANADA

Date approved: 04/27/2023

Grant Award Amount: \$575,000

Proposed Match Amount: \$575,000

Joint Venture: CANADIAN INTERMOUNTAIN

Project Description: Project activities will secure high value wetland habitat, manage grazing pressure on or near wetlands and riparian areas, maintain working ranches with high ecological value wetlands, and increase retention of riparian forests. Canadian Intermountain Joint Venture (CIJV) securement of wetland habitats in a Regionally Significant Wetland Area will benefit CIJV priority waterfowl, including American Wigeon, Barrow's Goldeneye, Bufflehead, Green-winged Teal, Mallard, and Ring-necked Duck. Enhancement of wetland, riparian and associated habitat will create more breeding, rearing, and feeding habitat for Mallard, Bufflehead and Trumpeter Swan and protect sensitive areas utilized by livestock. Enhancement activities across projects will also create and enhance habitat for threatened species like Western Toad, Bank Swallow, Bull Trout and Lewis' Woodpecker.

Project Name: CANADIAN PRAIRIE POTHOLE & WESTERN BOREAL HABITAT PROGRAM

Location: Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, the Yukon Territory, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA

Project Officer: David Kustersky

Project Country: CA

\*Partner Name: DUCKS UNLIMITED, DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA

Date approved: 04/27/2023

Grant Award Amount: \$17,453,400

Proposed Match Amount: \$17,453,400

Joint Venture: PRAIRIE HABITAT

Project Description: This is the fourth and final project of a multi-year grant program for Ducks Unlimited Canada. This project will secure and enhance 46,045 and 31,442 acres, respectively, of wetlands and associated upland habitat. Project activities will also support biodiversity by benefiting other wildlife, including more than 20 species that have been assessed as threatened or endangered by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada, and three migratory bird species assessed as threatened or endangered in the U.S.

Project Name: EASTERN HABITAT JOINT VENTURE CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Location: Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland/Labrador

Grantee Organization: DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA

Project Officer: David Kustersky

Project Country: CA

\*Partner Name: DUCKS UNLIMITED, DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA

Date approved: 04/27/2023

Grant Award Amount: \$3,710,000

Proposed Match Amount: \$3,710,000

Joint Venture: EASTERN HABITAT

Project Description: Project activities will take place in Eastern Habitat Joint Venture (EHJV) Target Areas across the six eastern Canadian provinces: Ontario, Québec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland & Labrador. Ducks Unlimited Canada's project activities within the EHJV Target Areas will meet the distinct regional needs of waterfowl by addressing key factors limiting eastern waterfowl populations: duckling survival and settling rates. Delivery of a full suite of conservation actions, including securement, enhancement, management, and stewardship, will realize EHJV waterfowl population goals for six priority breeding species: American Black Duck, Mallard, Wood Duck, Common and Barrow's Goldeneye and Common Eider. Conservation actions will focus on activities that directly benefit these species and will increase breeding populations of waterfowl with population deficits, such as American Black Ducks. Funds for this award will permanently secure 5,467 acres through acquisition and conservation agreements. Funds under this award will also be used to enhance 630 acres, and to manage 1,132,541 acres.

Project Name: ONTARIO, QUEBEC & ATLANTIC: PROTECTING WETLAND & UPLAND HABITAT EHJV

Location: Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland/Labrador

Grantee Organization: THE NATURE CONSERVANCY OF CANADA

Project Officer: Kathryn Folkl

Project Country: CA

\*Partner Name: AMERICAN FRIENDS OF CANADIAN NATURE, THE NATURE CONSERVANCY OF CANADA

Date approved: 04/27/2023

Grant Award Amount: \$1,170,000

Proposed Match Amount: \$1,170,000

Joint Venture: EASTERN HABITAT

Project Description: The project targets priority wetland and associated upland habitat in the Canadian provinces of Ontario, Québec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador, across the Eastern Habitat Joint Venture. Securement, enhancement, management, and stewardship in Eastern Habitat Joint Venture priority areas will prevent wetland loss, restore wetland habitat, conserve associated upland habitat, and ensure the protection of wintering, molting, breeding, and staging areas for hundreds of bird species. Funds for this award will permanently secure 810 total acres through acquisition and conservation agreements. Funds under this award will also be used to enhance 312 acres, and to manage 74,100 acres.

Project Name: POTHLES PLUS PROGRAM 5

Location: Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba

Grantee Organization: MANITOBA HABITAT HERITAGE CORPORATION

Project Officer: Roald Stander

Project Country: CA

\*Partner Name: DELTA WATERFOWL FOUNDATION, MANITOBA HABITAT HERITAGE CORPORATION

Date approved: 04/27/2023

Grant Award Amount: \$802,000

Proposed Match Amount: \$802,000

Joint Venture: PRAIRIE HABITAT

Project Description: This project will perpetually protect 2,387 acres of wetlands and associated uplands in the Manitoba Prairie Habitat Joint Venture area through conservation easements and fee simple acquisition. Enhancement activities include the installation of 300 new nesting structures, renowned for their capacity to increase Mallard production. Finally, 127,135 acres will be managed through activities such as nesting structure maintenance, managed grazing strategies, and vegetation management.

Project Name: PRAIRIES & BOREAL: PROTECTING WETLANDS & UPLANDS

Location: Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba

Grantee Organization: THE NATURE CONSERVANCY OF CANADA

Project Officer: Kathryn Folkl

Project Country: CA

\*Partner Name: AMERICAN FRIENDS OF CANADIAN NATURE, THE NATURE CONSERVANCY OF CANADA

Date approved: 04/27/2023

Grant Award Amount: \$2,975,000

Proposed Match Amount: \$2,975,000

Joint Venture: PRAIRIE HABITAT

Project Description: Activities target priority wetland and associated upland habitat in the Prairie Habitat Joint Venture (PHJV) in the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba. Securement activities will protect 700 acres of wetlands and 2,119 acres of associated upland habitat for waterfowl and other wetland-associated migratory birds. A total of 198,374 acres for enhancement and management activities will increase breeding, feeding and nesting capacity of wetlands and associated upland habitat for PHJV target species such as Blue- and Green-winged Teal, Northern Shoveler, and Redhead.