



## **DUCKS UNLIMITED CANADA CONSERVING CANADA'S WETLANDS**

### **Mission Statement:**

To conserve, restore and manage wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people.

Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) was founded in 1938 by sportsmen. These conservation-minded individuals recognized that conserving wetlands helps to ensure the future of waterfowl populations. DUC continues to be strongly supported by hunters and anglers, as well as other outdoor enthusiasts.

Operations in Alberta began in 1938 and a number of the first wetland conservation projects were in Central and Southern Alberta where wetlands were at the greatest risk of loss. Now, DUC works throughout Alberta conserving wetland habitats in the Prairie Pothole Region and the Western Boreal Forest. DUC primarily works in areas where wetlands and uplands can be conserved or restored and have the most benefit to waterfowl populations.

DUC is a proud program partner of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP). NAWMP is considered one of the most successful conservation organization initiatives in the world. This international agreement unites federal, provincial/state and municipal governments, non-governmental organizations, private companies and many individuals under a common waterfowl vision. Alberta is North America's key "duck factory" with 8 million waterfowl and 20 million shorebirds using its wetlands and surrounding habitat to mate, nest, hatch and raise their young.

DUC in Alberta has over 37,000 supporters, 20,000 members and 5,000 landowner partners throughout the province. Through the support of over 1,700 Alberta volunteers, they host 105 community-based events; funds are raised at the grassroots level to support DUC's conservation efforts in Alberta.

DUC supports the sustainable use and harvest of renewable resources based on sound science, when conducted in an ethical and sustainable manner. As a wetland and waterfowl habitat conservation organization, DUC only collaborates on policy and legislation that is clearly and directly related to waterfowl habitat conservation.

More resources for hunters are available at:

[www.waterfowling.com](http://www.waterfowling.com)

A DUC membership can be purchased for \$35.00 per year by emailing [member@ducks.ca](mailto:member@ducks.ca)



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