40 Years of Conservation The Nature Trust of British Columbia 2011 Annual Review Since 1971 The Nature Trust of British Columbia has been guided by a volunteer Board of prominent scientists and business leaders.



Geoff Scudder at Kilpoola Lake near Osoyoos

Outstanding Contribution

Dr. Geoff Scudder is a renowned scientist who is active in promoting conservation. An entomologist, he is a world authority on seed bugs, and known for important research, including the discovery that certain species can help track the effects of global warming. He served on the Board of The Nature Trust of BC from 2001-2011. The Nature Trust salutes Geoff and thanks him for his significant contribution to our success.



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John West and Doug Christopher

An Interview with Doug Christopher, Chair of The Nature Trust of BC

What were the greatest accomplishments of The Nature Trust in 2011?

We secured many key properties last year, but I would like to highlight two. The acquisition of Burgoyne Bay on Salt Spring Island completes the conservation of this entire bay. The piece we acquired is 55 acres of Garry oak and Coastal Douglas-fir ecological communities which are home to an abundance of birds, bats, butterflies, reptiles, amphibians and rare plants. The other property was Twin Lakes Ranch Conservation Area (which closed in 2012). This property covers over 2,000 acres and features grasslands and wetlands. It is home to many rare and endangered plants and animals, and is one of the largest intact grassland properties in the South Okanagan Valley. This acquisition effectively doubles The Nature Trust's conservation holdings in the White Lake Basin, improving habitat protection for species at risk such as Tiger Salamanders and Pallid Bats, and providing a wildlife migration corridor.

2011 set a record for The Nature Trust in private donations for designated property acquisitions at over \$1,000,000. This funding enabled us to acquire over \$5,000,000 of conservation lands, including Twin Lakes. The balance of the funding came from our many conservation partners.

After many years of service as our Leadership Giving Manager, Patrick announced that he would be gearing down. On behalf of the Board,

What inspired you to join The Nature Trust of British Columbia's Board?

I was inspired to join the Board because I believed deeply in the importance of conserving BC's special places for future generations and I could see that The Nature Trust had made tremendous progress in this regard.

Population pressures are continuing to remove important habitat and as a result many more species are at risk. The Nature Trust is taking a measured, scientific approach and prioritizing the most important at risk ecosystems in the province.

I could see that The Nature Trust has a passionate dedicated team of professionals led by a Board comprised of leaders in business and science.



I want to express our appreciation for his outstanding contribution. To facilitate Patrick's transition to retirement, we welcome John Keller in the position of Major Gifts. He comes with a passion for conservation and a track record of success.

The Nature Trust organized many successful community events during our 40th anniversary. From Splash on Vancouver Island and Earth Wind Fire in Kelowna to Let's Celebrate Gala in Vancouver, The Nature Trust reached out to local communities. And we were delighted to have the support of so many people at these events which allowed our organization to set fundraising records.

What was most memorable about 2011?

The most memorable experience was the Board tour of our property holdings in the East Kootenay. The Nature Trust's extensive land holdings in this area have had restoration in recent years. This has resulted in the creation of open forests and grassland areas along with the creation of many wildlife trees. The purpose of all this work is to enhance biodiversity; restore habitat for species at risk; improve natural grazing for elk, deer and bighorn sheep; overall improvement in forest health; and a reduction in the risk of severe wildfire. It was very rewarding for me to see the dramatic improvement in these properties since my last visit four years ago.

Another personal highlight for me was to have a day of horseback riding with our local Conservation Land Manager, Rob Neil, along with other Nature Trust Directors and partners. The ride gave us spectacular vistas of the Rocky Mountains and we covered some of the most important conservation corridors for bighorn sheep in the province.

What do you envision for The Nature Trust in the future?

The Nature Trust has been able to take an initial investment of \$4.5 million and over 40 years acquire \$75 million of conservation lands comprising over 150,000 acres with no debt and an endowment of over \$12 million. The challenge for the future is to continue this growth in the context of more costly and increasingly complex acquisitions. This will require more funding from private and public sources and working closely with other conservation partners to ensure that land with the highest biodiversity values and the greatest threat of being lost is preserved for future generations. The Nature Trust of BC was founded to help set aside ecologically suitable natural places for future generations of British Columbians to enjoy, study and contemplate the complex world of nature. The organization was guided by action-oriented people like Bert Hoffmeister who was the first Chairman, supported by scientists such as Dr. Alastair McLean, Dr. Bert Brink and Dr. Ian McTaggart-Cowan. Under their leadership, The Nature Trust developed into a remarkable catalytic organization.

Ralph Shaw, longtime supporter of The Nature Trust

40 Years of Conserving British Columbia

Nature Trust Properties

The Nature Trust of BC's mandate is to:

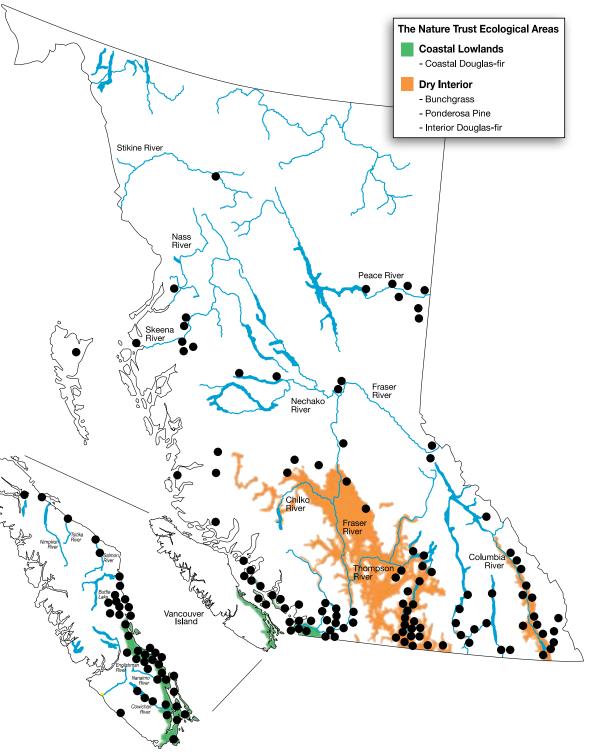
- Acquire habitats of high biodiversity values and at greatest risk of being lost; and
- Manage conservation lands as part of landscapes to ensure ecosystem resilience and connectivity.

Approximately 6% of the land base in BC is privately owned. However, as illustrated through the findings in *Taking Nature's Pulse: The Status of Biodiversity in British Columbia*, there is a disproportionate number of species and ecosystems at risk in the low elevation areas such as valley bottoms and coastal lowlands where most of the private land is located.

This is where The Nature Trust plays a significant role to acquire and manage private land for conservation. We work in partnerships with other conservation organizations and various levels of government to put together land assemblages that will conserve functioning ecosystems and ecological processes.

The priority regions (or biogeoclimatic ecosystem classification zones) for The Nature Trust and where we proactively identify candidate properties to secure are:

- ◆ Coastal Douglas-fir ranked exceptional/high
- ✦ Bunchgrass ranked high
- ✤ Ponderosa Pine ranked high
- ✤ Interior Douglas-fir ranked high/medium



Our focus today is habitat which is most at risk of being lost: Coastal Douglas-fir, Ponderosa Pine, Interior Grasslands and Bunchgrass.

Sound science and solid financial management are the cornerstones of our success. This is reflected in our Board's composition and staff expertise, as well as the ongoing work we are doing.

The Nature Trust is an organization that faces the realities of today head-on. We work in a collaborative manner to leverage resources and expertise.

> Robin Wilson Director of The Nature Trust



Burgoyne Bay

- ◆ 22.3 hectares (55 acres)
- ✦ Located on Salt Spring Island

This property features Garry oak and Coastal Douglas-fir ecological communities and will be managed as part of Mt. Maxwell Ecological Reserve.

The Nature Trust received funding support from BC Ministry of Environment, individual donors including the land owner and Government of Canada through the Natural Areas Conservation Program as facilitated by the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

2011 Projects



Columbia River—Castledale

- ✦ 14 hectares (35.6 acres)
- ✦ Located in the East Kootenay Trench

The Nature Trust received this property as a donation from the Hautala family. It features riparian, floodplain and wetland habitats along the Columbia River.



McPhee Meadows

- ♦ 4.6 hectares (11.4 acres)
- ✦ Located in Courtenay on Vancouver Island

This property features mature riparian habitat and fields along the Puntledge River.

The McPhee family donated the property to The Nature Trust and the City of Courtenay.

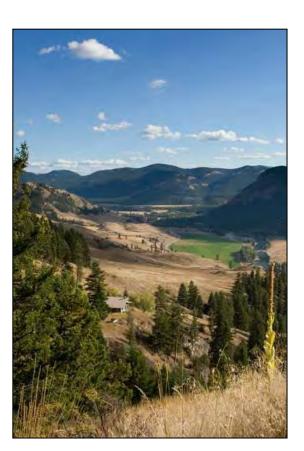


Silver Tip Ranch

- ♦ 137.7 hectares (340 acres)
- ✦ Located near the Bull River in the East Kootenay

This property features forest and grassland habitats and wildlife corridors.

The Nature Trust received funding support from the Columbia Basin Trust, Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation, Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program, BC Conservation Foundation, The Kootenay Wildlife Heritage Fund and the Lake Windermere District Rod & Gun Club for this project.

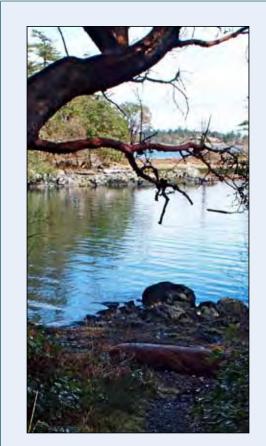


Rock Creek

- ♦ 59.6 hectares (147 acres)
- ✦ Located in the Kettle Valley in the South Okanagan

This property features ungulate winter range and unique Ponderosa pine habitat.

The receipt of this property by The Nature Trust included a donation from Murray LaBrash.



Moorecroft

- ♦ 34 hectares (84 acres)
- ✦ Located in Nanoose Bay on Vancouver Island

This property features Coastal Douglas-fir, some wetland and coastal bluff communities.

The Nature Trust continues to raise funds for this property which has been secured by the Regional District of Nanaimo.

40 Years of Research



Adult male Song Sparrow



6-day-old chick on banding day

A Day in the Life of a Field Biologist

by Martha Essak, Bert Hoffmeister Scholarship winner

Long before the sun appears on the horizon, gulls are shrieking and walking on my roof. Even with my pillow over my ears, I can hear them landing softly, and taking off loudly. Mostly I hear the cacophony of the gull colony, constant chatter that ranges from content murmurs to threatening shrieks. I force myself back to sleep until my alarm clock beeps, telling me that the sun is rising and it is time for me to get up.

After a quick breakfast, my co-workers and I head out to different parts of the island. I am wearing an outfit that is all practicality: rubber boots, rain pants over regular pants, and rain coat over t-shirt and sweater. Although the day promises to be hot, the morning dew on the shrubs would soak me in a few minutes if I weren't wearing rain gear. With me I have binoculars, a clipboard with paper and pens, a stick and a hat.

The stick and hat are essential components of my fieldwork outfit. On Mandarte Island, there are thousands of gulls that are currently busy raising chicks. The adults are convinced that I am a predator that wants to eat their chicks, which are black-spotted gray balls of fluff that I carefully avoid stepping on.

The parents dive at my head and would hit me with claws and beak if I weren't holding the stick over my shoulder to deter them from getting too close. The hat protects my hair from the excrement that they release while flying.

On a bad day, I'll get hit in the face. On a good day, I won't get hit at all.

I navigate the trails through the shrub and emerge into a grassy meadow. I find a position on a high rock and look down into the shrub. I ignore the gulls that make irritated sounds in my meadow. They are not the birds I am interested in.

I watch the branches and leaves carefully, looking for any sign of movement that isn't caused by the wind. I listen for sounds other than gull calls.

I hear a sound to my left, and identify the bird producing it. Perched high on a branch, a male Song Sparrow sings to defend his territory. He starts with a few solid notes and ends with a trill. It is quite an impressive song for an otherwise not-very-exciting-looking bird. Song Sparrows are brown with light bellies, and gray and brown streaks on their heads. Their most distinctive feature is a dark brown spot on their chests.

Since males and females look similar but only males sing, I know that this bird is male. I look at him through my binoculars to examine the bands on his ankles. All the Song Sparrows on this island have a different combination of one metal and three colour bands, with two bands on each leg. I check the papers I have with me maps of the island. This bird has been defending his territory for months. He also has a mate, a

One summer on Mandarte has given me many unique memories of nature...

female that must be hiding somewhere in the shrub. She is the one I am interested in. Since her first brood of chicks have fledged and have been seen on their own elsewhere on the island, we think that she might have started a second nest.

I will spend at least the next hour staking out this territory to find out what she is up to. I am hoping to see her coming or going from one area, indicating the nest location.

Since 1975, all Song Sparrows on Mandarte Island have been watched like this. Once the nests are located, they are monitored until the eggs hatch. All chicks are given bands so that we can identify each individual. Using the data on individuals and relationships between individuals, research has been conducted on inbreeding, climate, evolution, mating systems and many other topics.

Long term studies like this are essential for understanding how animals adapt to fluctuating environments and climate change.

Dozens of researchers have watched these sparrows before me and some, like me, have held birds in their hand for the first time on this particular island.

When chicks are six days old, we collect blood samples and measure different features like mass and wing length. The chicks seem annoyed at being woken and will sometimes fall asleep in our hands. We give them their leg bands and return them to the nest.

Unfortunately, songbird chicks are not cute like ducklings. Sparrows hatch naked, with translucent skin and tiny featherless wings. As they get older their looks improve, and when they are about two weeks old, they are feather balls with short tails. They make brief bumblebee-like flights, tiny wings pulling their heavy bodies through the air. They beg continuously from their parents, who rush around trying to keep the chicks fed. When they are about three weeks old, they have to learn to fend for themselves.

Out on the island, watching the chicks grow up, I feel connected to the passage of time. As the grass goes from green to gold, the baby animals become awkward teenagers and then young adults. One summer on Mandarte has given me many unique memories of nature, and a new appreciation for the beauty of the province where I have lived all my life. I believe that the future of our environment rests in the hands of younger generations. It's so important that we find a way to teach youth to care about the environment and inspire them to share their passion with others. My own personal mission is to convert one student every year. I'm proud to say that so far, I've been successful.

> Caitlin Hill, founder of Pinetree Secondary Environmental Club



Land Management in Action

by Steven Godfrey, Vancouver Island Field Operations Coordinator

Since 1971 The Nature Trust of BC has secured over 450 parcels of land across the province. While land acquisition has been a tremendous success, an equally important accomplishment has been the management of these conservation lands. Regional land managers are located on Vancouver Island, in the South Okanagan and the East Kootenay. This team identifies what needs to be done and coordinates field work with the assistance of the Conservation Crews and volunteers. An example of land management is the restoration of the Nanaimo River Estuary.

Estuaries and coastal wetlands of BC make up less than 3% of our coastline, yet provide habitat to over 80% of all coastal fish and wildlife species. Around 500 plant and animal species can be found in the estuaries and coastal wetlands around BC. In addition to these remarkable habitat values, estuaries have the ability to sequester carbon up to 90 times quicker thanthrothe uptake rate of an equal area of forest. Sea-modside communities can also thank local estuariesestuaries

and coastal wetlands for reducing the effects of storm surges, detoxifying waste, and mitigating floodwater.

With respect to ecological significance, the estuaries on Vancouver Island are top of the class; after the Fraser River, half of BC's eight most important estuaries are located on Vancouver Island. One of these highly productive systems is the Nanaimo River Estuary. Not only is the Nanaimo River Estuary ideally located habitat for Pacific Flyway migrant waterfowl and other water birds, it also plays an integral role in maintaining the area's fisheries, providing key intertidal feeding areas which support all seven Pacific salmon species at various stages of their life cycles.

Despite their importance, over 40% of estuaries

throughout BC are threatened by development, modification, and pollution. Around 60% of the estuarine habitat along the Strait of Georgia has already been lost. Industrial development, seaport activities, log storage and a ferry terminal all threaten to impact the Nanaimo River Estuary. In recognition of this, The Nature Trust of BC along with our conservation partners (Ducks Unlimited Canada, Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation, Environment Canada, and the Provincial government) began securing habitat in 1987. Since that time eight acquisitions have been completed covering 180 hectares (440 acres), including; intertidal marshes, farmland and riparian areas. Restoration of the estuary began in 1988 with the removal of low dike sections in the tidal marshlands in order to re-establish natural tidal flows and vegetation. In 2006, 22 hectares (54 acres) of tidal marshland was restored by

breaching the northern dike on Holden Creek.

One interesting feature of the Nanaimo River Estuary is the abundance of Garry oak trees in the upland habitats, both along the riverbank and within the forested areas. This, combined with unique sandstone outcrops populated by Douglas-fir, Garry oak, arbutus, bittercherry, Grand fir, and bigleaf maple make for a truly rare estuarine ecosystem. The estuary, grasslands and surrounding mixed forests support a variety of breeding bird species. The area also provides foraging and roosting habitat for raptors, Shorteared Owls, and Bald Eagles.

In 2009, the Garry Oak Ecosystem Recovery Team's Vertebrates-at-Risk Recovery

The abundance of tree varieties in the Nanaimo River Estuary makes for a truly rare estuarine ecosystem.

Implementation Group organized a study of suitable habitat for the endangered Coastal Vesper Sparrow in cooperation with the Nanaimo Area Land Trust. There is only one breeding population of Coastal Vesper Sparrow in Canada, currently residing at the Nanaimo Airport. Such a small and isolated population makes the Coastal Vesper Sparrow particularly vulnerable to extinction; therefore, the identification, restoration, and establishment of additional habitat sites are critical to recovery. The study focused on finding suitable habitats within ten kilometres of the Nanaimo Airport population, and the Nanaimo River Estuary Conservation Area was identified as having the greatest potential.

In 2011 the Garry Oak Ecosystem Recovery Team, The Province and The Nature Trust of BC partnered to develop a restoration plan to restore a portion of Nanaimo River Estuary into suitable Coastal Vesper Sparrow habitat. The Coastal Vesper Sparrow is a ground nesting passerine bird, preferring dry, open areas with short, sparse grass or herbaceous cover and patches of bare ground, using scattered trees or fence posts for cover and perching. Overgrowth by invasive shrubs (primarily Scotch broom and Himalayan blackberry) can alter ideal short grassland habitat into shrub or long grass through ecological processes of nitrifying the soil or by dense infilling, leading to total dominance over native plant and grass species.

A total area of nearly 2000 square metres of invasive plant coverage has already been removed from the Nanaimo River Estuary Conservation Area in order to both improve habitat conditions for potential Vesper Sparrow use, and to promote growth of native grass and shrub species. Garry oak and other native shrubs are being planted to increase future suitable perching sites as well as to shade out regeneration of Scotch broom and Himalayan blackberry. And although there is still plenty of hard work left to do down at the estuary, I believe hands-on land stewardship work is vital to achieving our goal of restoring and maintaining natural balance within local ecosystems.



Conservation Crews

Most of the on-the-ground land management activities are completed by the Conservation Youth Crews. In 2011, 72 properties received site maintenance across the province. Tasks throughout the summer included:

- Grizzly Bear monitoring using hair samples and other wildlife inventories
- ✦ Installing nesting boxes
- ♦ Rangeland assessment
- ✦ Planting trees
- ♦ Wildlife research
- ✤ Protective fencing for Bighorn sheep
- \blacklozenge Collecting native seeds for restoration projects
- ✤ Invasive plant inventory and documentation
- ✦ Trail management
- ♦ Community outreach

Sponsors

HSBC Bank Canada was the title sponsor for the sixth year. Other sponsors included BC Hydro, BC Ministry of Environment, Ducks Unlimited Canada, the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation, HRSDC, the Tony Cartledge Fund and Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program.





Eric Spilker, Kootenay

"My favourite activity is being able to work on the properties I have fallen in love with— The Big Ranch property near Elkford, and the Cherry Creek property near Cranbrook. Regardless of what our tasks are for the day, these properties never fail to amaze me. On almost every visit I can count on seeing wildlife and views untouched by development."





Rajiv Dasanjh, Okanagan

"One of the greatest things about working on the crew has been the opportunity to develop skills such as photo-monitoring, building ecologically friendly fences, invasive plant removal and detection, as well as a variety of land management jobs."





Shannon Lawrence, Lower Mainland

"I am hoping to gain employable experience that can further my career in environmental conservation, peace of mind that my work has made a difference and a relationship with The Nature Trust team."



Clayton Billett, Vancouver Island

"Three of the main ways I feel I contributed to the local community are: removing invasive plants to allow for natural plant growth, working closely with volunteer groups, and maintaining trails used by local clubs, naturalists and outdoor enthusiasts." 40 Years of Sharing the Journey

Artist in Residence

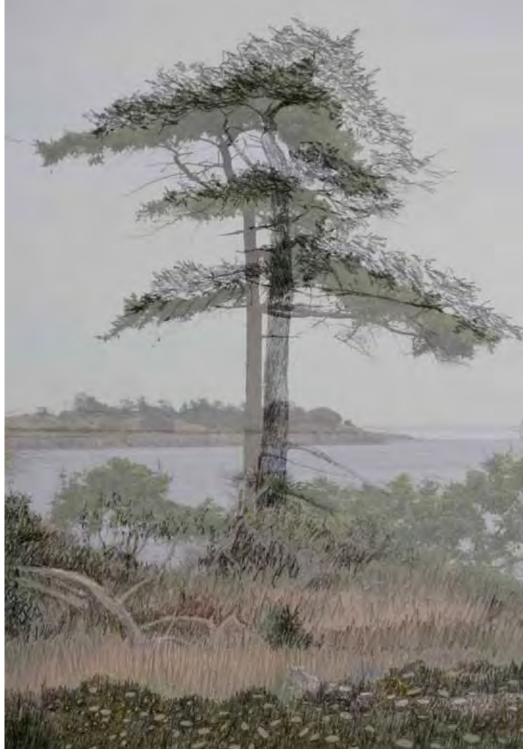
by Lyndia Terre

It began with a conversation about wildflowers, which led to my first connection to The Nature Trust of BC. I created an exhibition for The Nature Trust 2011 Brant Wildlife Festival at The Parksville Museum and Archives in the Craig Heritage Park. The theme that was originally envisioned would have dealt with their nature trail but evolved into "interaction of early settlers with the land". The exhibit and book of graphite drawings and poetry included historic small buildings, historic artifacts and wildflowers.

On the opening day of the exhibit, I received a call from my sister, an art historian and curator, who suggested that I could keep creating exhibits like this one. No one, she told me, has created exhibitions based on the artifacts that incorporate art and poetry, as I did.

My immediate response was that I was interested in the nature part and wanted to spend my time outdoors, not examining artifacts.

Deb Kennedy and Robin Rivers from The Nature Trust were due for a short walk through the exhibit that same hour. It was an instant decision to ask them if they would like to have me as an "Artist in Residence".



Tall tree, island



Lyndia Terre at Moorecroft



We met a month later, May 2011, to work out the details and determined that the first property I would work on would be Moorecroft in Nanoose Bay.

I took many walks through Moorecroft, always with camera and sketchbook, and sometimes with friends who could name things for me.

From my collection of impressions and images, I produced a small book with 9 photo-based works and 4 poems that accompanied the exhibition of the work in my Studio Gallery in Nanoose Bay. The exhibition became a

In selecting images for Moorecroft I also wanted to represent the miniature, the monumental and the habitats.

small part of The Nature Trust's 40th year celebrations and some of the images were chosen for an exhibit in Victoria at Lúz Gallery | for the Photographic Arts.

In selecting images for Moorecroft I also wanted to represent the miniature, the monumental and the habitats: blue violet jewel, low tide stones, Garry oak, woodland trails, and ocean overlooks.

Eighty four acres of Moorecroft, left undeveloped, is a gift to Nanoose Bay and to Vancouver Island. I still return there for the rocky low tides, coastal mountain views off the point, new spring wildflowers, and for a while, quiet walks alone.

Only at low tide

40 Years of Connecting

My Favourite BC Photo Contest

The Nature Trust was delighted to host a contest inviting amateur photographers to share their favourite images of nature in BC.



Terry Beaupre Tree Category Winner, Bridgman Park



Alan Story Grand Prize Winner, Broughton Island Group



Cormac Flynn Wild View Category Winner, Joffre Peak



Eduardo Baena Wildlife Category Winner, Clark Rock



Hamilton Marsh Tour



Brant Wildlife Festival



Wings Over the Rockies

Community Events



Big Qualicum Salmon Tour



Helping Scouts to plant trees



Deep Bay Marine Field Station



Heart of the Fraser



Earth Wind Fire



Let's Celebrate Gala

40 Years of Fiscal Responsibility

Our Business

In 2011 we secured \$3,004,000 in property holdings and spent a further \$1.1 million on land management. This would not have been possible without the generous financial support of our donors and partners who contributed \$4.8 million to The Nature Trust during the year.

We were also able to increase our net assets by over \$3.4 million, while contributing \$270,000 to our endowment fund.

December 31, 2011 and 2010

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Cash and receivables	1,004,000	487,000
Investments	12,655,000	12,637,000
Capital assets	618,000	628,000
Properties 	74,221,000	71,278,000
	88,498,000	85,030,000
LIABILITIES		
Current	53,000	186,000
Deferred revenue	1,003,000	379,000
Promissory notes	59,000	120,000
Net assets	87,383,000	84,345,000
	88,498,000	85,030,000
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	3,468,000	2,541,000

This statement has been derived from the complete audited financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010.





40 Years of Leaving a Legacy

The Nature Trust was very honoured to receive donations in memory and estates from kind donors.

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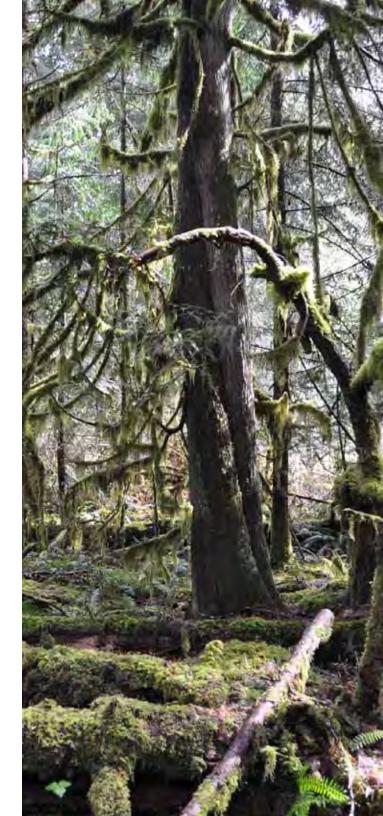
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