







I came to British Columbia in 1995 and fell in love with this place. My husband and I have enjoyed exploring the spectacular natural surroundings. We have hiked through the old growth forests in Cathedral Grove, watched the sockeye salmon run on the Adams River and stepped aside to let a herd of Bighorn Sheep scurry by on a path near Skaha Lake. It is truly beautiful BC.

### **An Urgent Nature Crisis**

As an evolutionary biologist, I study the processes that have created the diversity of life on earth. And like many scientists I am troubled by the state of biodiversity.

Recent research highlights unprecedented global biodiversity loss. An estimated one million species are at risk of extinction due to the cumulative human impacts of habitat fragmentation, insecticide use, over harvesting, polluting, and introducing invasive species (United Nations Intergovernmental Science Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Service). Since 1970, we've lost half of our abundance of wild vertebrates—animals with backbones such as mammals, birds. reptiles, amphibians and fish (Living Planet Index).

British Columbia has the most species diversity of any province or territory in Canada. But it also has the most species at risk. One of the best ways to protect species is to counter the largest risk factor habitat fragmentation—by identifying and protecting important natural habitats.

### **Protecting and Caring for Vulnerable Habitats**

For the past 49 years, The Nature Trust of British Columbia, with the help of our donors and partners, has purchased and conserved over



175,000 acres of vulnerable habitats. The focus of our work is in the coastal lowlands and the dry interior where species are most at risk.

This is why I am proud to be the Chair of the Board of Directors of The Nature Trust of BC.

In 2019, we continued to deliver on our five year Strategic Plan, which recognizes the critical importance of BC's biodiversity today and for future generations. Our staff and board kept its commitment to accelerate the rate of protecting ecologically significant land and to increase our resources in this province.

We acquired properties along the Cowichan River on Vancouver Island, the Fraser River in the Lower Mainland and the Columbia River in the Kootenays.

The Nature Trust of BC was also awarded a grant to support our Princeton Grasslands acquisition as part of the Federal Government's Natural Heritage Conservation Program. The 2,600 acre (1052 hectare) project will be acquired in three phases. Phase I, the Princeton Grasslands - MapleCross Meadow, wrapped up our 2019 land acquisition program. We are now actively fundraising for Phase II.

We were also honoured to receive a grant from the BC Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund for a five year project to improve estuary habitat and enhance the long-term sustainability of wild BC fish stocks. In this project we will be working with Coastal First Nations and our partners in the West Coast Conservation Land Management Program.

Each one of our new properties protects critical habitat for vulnerable species such as Grizzly Bear, Lewis's Woodpecker, and Chinook salmon as well as more abundant species that need a place to live.

### **Engagement**

Land acquisition is only the first step. We also need to take care of our properties in perpetuity. This past summer our Conservation Youth Crew program continued to provide college and university students

with employment while allowing us to complete important field work on Nature Trust lands. Our Youth Crews work under the direction and guidance of our regional Land Managers, who live and work near these properties and bring decades of experience to managing these lands.

The Nature Trust also participated in many community events across the province and coordinated the Brant Wildlife Festival in the Parksville and Qualicum Beach area on Vancouver Island. Here, in Vancouver, we honored Don Krogseth, Past Chair of The Nature Trust's Board of Directors, with our 2019 Conservation Champion award for his outstanding leadership at our annual Gala, which was a record-setting fundraising success.

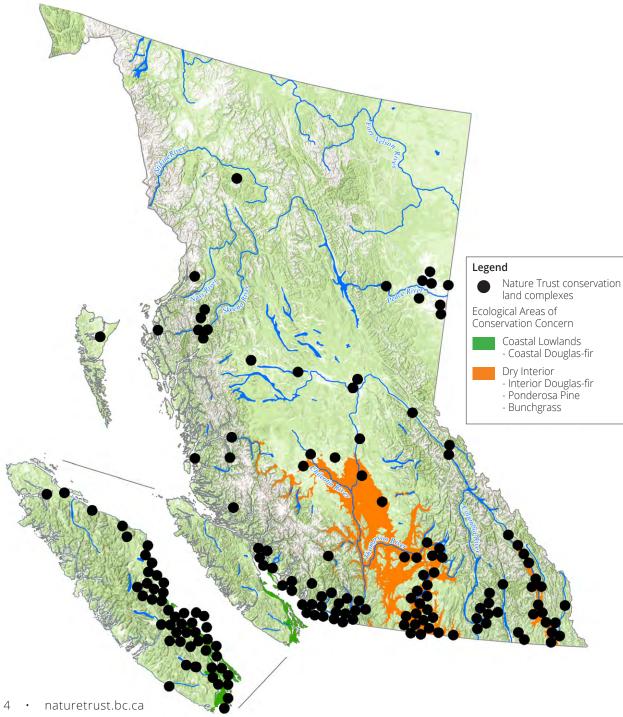
#### **Teamwork**

As Chair, I have been privileged to work with a dedicated Board of scientists and business leaders, who volunteer their time to ensure we make sound conservation and business decisions, and with the fantastic team of staff, led by CEO Dr. Jasper Lament. Alongside the growing amount of land that we steward, we have added key staff positions and have welcomed Jason Emery to the new position of Director of Conservation Land Management.

As a non-profit organization, we could not do our important conservation work without the support of our donors. I am very grateful to the many individuals and organizations that support us with a gift, either today or in the future through a bequest. I also want to thank those who support us with in-kind gifts from stewardship work on our properties to auction gifts for our Gala. Every donation counts. One hundred per cent of every donation stays in BC.

As a parent, I want future generations of British Columbians to enjoy the spectacular beauty and the benefits of living in BC that I have experienced. I believe the work of The Nature Trust of BC is critical to ensuring this happens. I hope you will join me in supporting our land conservation work in the coming year. Together we can leave a lasting legacy for nature.

## **%** conservation lands



The black dots on this map are The Nature Trust of BC's conservation land complexes.

The Nature Trust of BC's mandate is to:

- secure 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. This may seem like a small amount of land but there is a disproportionate number of species and ecosystems at risk in the low elevation areas such as valley bottoms and coastal lowlands. These areas are where most of the private land is located and where most people live.

This is where The Nature Trust plays a significant role to acquire and manage private land for conservation. We work in partnership 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 are:

- Coastal Douglas-fir—ranked exceptional/high
- Bunchgrass—ranked high
- Ponderosa Pine—ranked high
- Interior Douglas-fir—ranked high/medium





## Cowichan River Estuary

The Nature Trust of BC has been working in the Cowichan River estuary for over 30 years. With our partners we have conserved over 988 acres (400 hectares). We were able to add a small yet key parcel to our adjoining conservation lands with the help of individual donors and foundations.

The Cowichan River Estuary features a complex of tidal flats, shallow marshes, agricultural areas and marine ecosystems. It provides habitat for over 200 bird species throughout the year and is a critical stopover for migratory birds along the Pacific Flyway. In recognition of these values, the area has been identified as an Important Bird Area of Canada. Eelgrass habitats and other areas provide rearing habitat for salmonids and other marine species and the intertidal area is used for over 30 species of fish including juvenile herring and trout.

In addition to purchasing this key parcel, we were honoured to rebuild the wildlife viewing tower in memory of Jennifer Bowden.

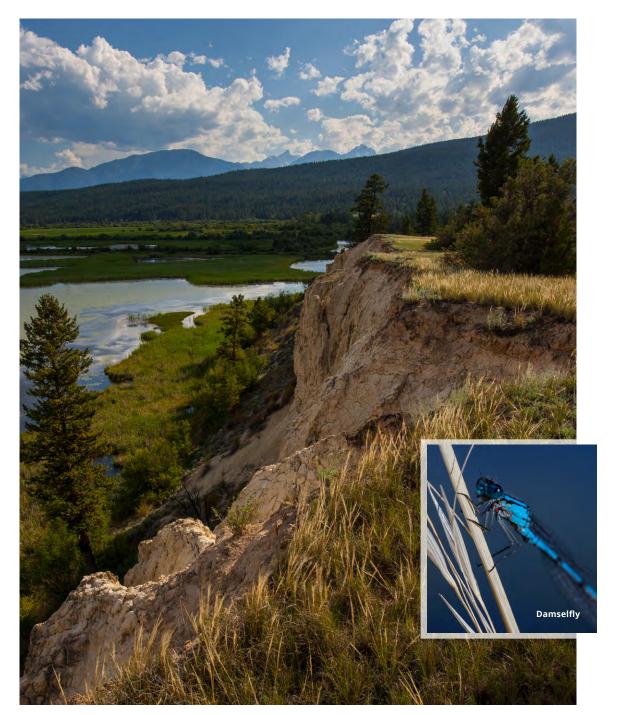
## new properties

## Nicomen Slough

Nicomen Slough is located in "the Heart of the Fraser", between Mission and Deroche. This 28.7 acre (11.6 hectares) property features wetlands and creeks, and provides homes for a wide variety of birds including vulnerable Great Blue Herons and Western Screech Owls. The slough is a wintering area for Trumpeter Swans and an estimated 100 to 200 can be found there from late November through January. In addition, the property forms part of a larger area which is a haven for migrating waterfowl all winter, while also supporting local species year round.

Nicomen Slough is a remnant side channel of the Fraser River, connecting Inch Creek and Norrish Creek with the Fraser River. It provides habitat for some of the largest runs of salmon in the Fraser Valley. Coho, Chinook, Chum, Sockeye, and Pink use Nicomen Slough to reach spawning areas. And the mysterious White Sturgeon has been observed at the mouth of Nicomen Slough leading to the Fraser River.





## Columbia River Wetlands - Edgewater

Located near Radium Hot Springs, these conservation lands cover 423 acres (171.5 hectares) and feature outstanding habitat for Grizzly Bears and American Badgers. They also provide winter range for Mule Deer, White-tailed Deer and Moose.

"The Columbia River Wetlands - Edgewater property has incredible diversity, ranging from wetlands to grasslands, and open forest habitats," said Chris Bosman, Kootenay Conservation Land Manager for The Nature Trust of BC. "From the upper benches, the views across the Columbia Valley and up and down the Rocky Mountain Trench are stunning. As a multi-generational family ranch, the land has been well cared for over the years by a conservation minded family. The Nature Trust looks forward to carrying on the tradition of responsible land stewardship."

The Columbia River Wetlands - Edgewater property will be added to Nature Trust conservation lands that are part of the Columbia National Wildlife Area. An additional benefit to conservation is that the property is adjacent to the Columbia Wetlands Wildlife Management Area which has significant habitat for over 200 species of migratory birds.

This project was made possible by the Government of Canada through the Natural Heritage Conservation Program, part of Canada's Nature Fund, BC Conservation Foundation, Canal Flats Wilderness Club, Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund which is overseen by the Regional District of East Kootenay, Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program, Golden District Rod & Gun Club, Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation, Kootenay Wildlife Heritage Fund and Lake Windermere Rod & Gun Club as well as individual donors. Local ranchers, Denis and Rosemary Tegart, donated a portion of this property to The Nature Trust of BC under the Government of Canada's Ecological Gifts Program.

## new properties

## Princeton Grasslands - MapleCross Meadow

This year The Nature Trust of BC acquired the first phase of the Princeton Grasslands, a property spanning 2,600 acres (1052 hectares) which is home to rare and vulnerable species.

Princeton Grasslands - MapleCross Meadow (Phase I of the project), includes 1,100 acres (447 hectares). Most of the property features native grassland, with Asp Creek running through the centre and a wetland and seasonal ponds.

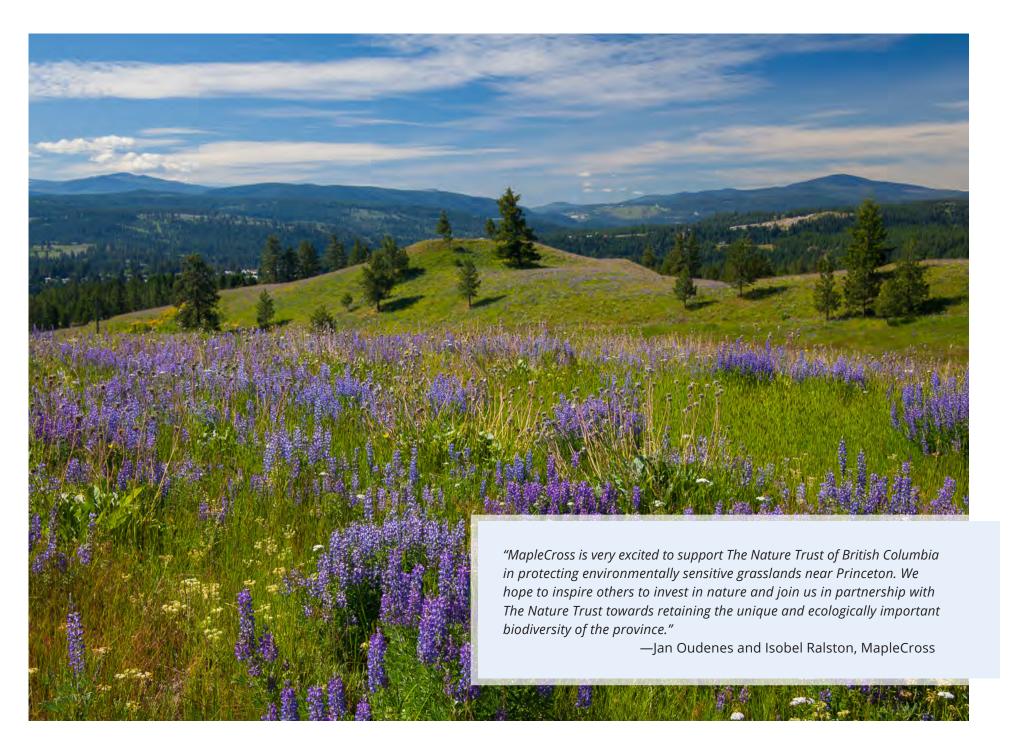
The endangered American Badger has been seen on the northwest boundary of this property. The threatened Northern Goshawk and Barn Swallow have been observed near the western edge. In addition, Princeton Grasslands provides critical habitat for threatened Lewis's Woodpecker and endangered Williamson's Sapsucker, and important winter range for Mule Deer.

The size and habitat variation of this property significantly contributes to its conservation value. To effectively protect species, the best strategy is to secure land on a landscape level. Large areas with mixed habitats support more of the life needs of species that don't travel very far. Larger areas also mean that the habitat will be more resilient to impacts from the surrounding area.

Only 1% of BC is covered with grasslands, which provide habitat for 30% of BC's species at risk. Grasslands support more threatened and endangered plants and animals than any other habitat type in the province.

This project was made possible by the Government of Canada through the Natural Heritage Conservation Program, part of Canada's Nature Fund, MapleCross, Electoral Area H of the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen, BC Conservation Foundation and other supporters. Local ranchers, the Atkinson family, donated a portion of this property, to The Nature Trust of BC under the Government of Canada's Ecological Gifts Program.





## restoration work

## Restoring the Salmon River for Wildlife

The Salmon River on Vancouver Island, north of Campbell River, has exceptional fish and wildlife values and has been a priority conservation area for The Nature Trust of BC and our partners since 1978. In 2015 The Nature Trust added 165 acres (66.8 hectares) along the lower Salmon River. This most recent addition features a diverse mix of riparian, wetland, and forest ecosystems. These habitats are home to a wide variety of wildlife, including Roosevelt Elk, Great Blue Heron, and Red-legged Frog.

Prior to our acquisition of this conservation property, significant areas of mature forest were logged and impacted by other human activities. Logged areas had been colonized by Scotch Broom and other invasive plants that prevented native vegetation from growing. The thick understory limited wildlife movement, reduced species diversity and did not provide sufficient food for Roosevelt Elk. In addition, the impacts from logging and gravel mining created two artificial wetlands. Although the wetlands have significant habitat value, they had overly steep banks and lacked shallow water, which limited use by wildlife and amphibians.

The Salmon River estuary project demonstrates The Nature Trust of BC's commitment to enhancing our conservation land for wildlife, fish and plants.

## 2019 Restoration Project Goals & Tasks

- 1. Remove Scotch Broom and reforest logged areas
- 2. Thin the forest to improve habitat for Roosevelt Elk
- 3. Restore wetland habitat for amphibian and bird species of conservation concern









#### Results

#### Task 1 – Remove Scotch Broom and reforest logged areas

To remove and prevent the reestablishment of Scotch Broom over approximately 10 acres (4 hectares) of old field habitat, our Conservation Youth Crew members rolled up their sleeves and put their muscle into removing encroaching Scotch Broom by hand pulling and using a brush saw. It was tough, but they got the job done.

We planted native vegetation and monitored the area to make sure the native plants were flourishing. We constructed four new exclosures (fencing around restoration sites to limit Roosevelt Elk from eating newly planted trees and shrubs) to add to one already in place. These exclosures will remain in place for up to five years to allow the native vegetation to establish.

### Task 2 – Thin the forest to improve habitat for Roosevelt Elk

Would species return to forage if we thinned the forest? We installed eight wildlife cameras and were delighted to see Roosevelt Elk and other wildlife foraging in this area.

In addition, The Nature Trust hired a Registered Professional Forester (R.P.F.) to audit our thinning treatments, update the forest cover maps and make recommendations. The recommendations will be utilized for restoration projects in 2020.

### Task 3 – Restore wetland habitat for amphibian and bird species of conservation concern

In order to increase wildlife access, we changed the banks of an existing wetland from 60%-70% grade to 20%-30%. We created additional wetland habitat by removing and redistributing fill and building shallow marsh benches, then planted wetland and riparian vegetation. Plus, we installed four large woody debris structures to improve habitat for amphibians like the Red-legged Frog.

## conservation youth crews

### Our Conservation Youth Crews

Each summer, The Nature Trust of BC hires students and other young people to join our Conservation Youth Crews. The crews are based on Vancouver Island, the Lower Mainland, the Okanagan, and the Kootenays and supervised by regional Conservation Land Managers. The crews restore habitat, install signs, remove invasive plants, and monitor wildlife and plants on our properties. They have the opportunity to learn about land conservation and take on critical projects on Nature Trust properties.

The crews gain skills such as how to use power tools, GIS technology, and the challenges of working outdoors. After they finish their education, many of them go on to careers in conservation and many have joined our staff.

In 2019, The Nature Trust was pleased to have the support of BC Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, Canada Summer Jobs (Service Canada), Chris Cornborough, Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program, Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation, The Tony Cartledge Fund, Ducks Unlimited Canada, Jim Walker Youth Crew Endowment, and Sally Otto and Michael Whitlock to help fund the crews.









## The Jim Walker Conservation Award

The 2019 Jim Walker Conservation Award was presented to Simon Ferguson. The award recognized and celebrates an exceptional individual from our Conservation Youth Crews and helps to develop the next generation of conservation leaders in BC.





Dear Supporters of The Nature Trust,

My name is Amelia Bonenfant, and this year I had the exciting opportunity to work with The Nature Trust of BC as a Conservation Youth Crew Technician, an experience I will forever cherish. I was warmly welcomed into The Nature Trust crew where I earned many valuable skills out in the field. Some of my favorites were learning how to manage properties with fencing and structural maintenance tasks, learning how to safely handle field tools and equipment confidently, and implementing successful restoration methods for vegetation, stream and wetland remediation.

This season's work and training made me a more confident person, enlightened me with the real-world duties of conservation management and added fuel to my passion for wildlife habitat preservation. All this to say, the opportunity to work as part of the Conservation Youth Crew program has changed my life for the better. I feel confident in taking the next steps in my conservation career because of it and I am truly thankful.

If it weren't for the generous and passionate support from donors for The Nature Trust of BC, I may have never been able to have this opportunity. Your financial donations help create the seasonal crew positions and I hope that this message shows you that you are making a difference in others' lives as well as in our wonderful conservation. properties!

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Amelia Bonenfant

## **%** community events



Our amazing marketing team all dressed up at the BCAMA Marketing Excellence Awards



Our fabulous Young Leaders blazing forward at the Tacos for the Trust fundraising event



Companies, stewardship groups, and students participated in clean-up events across the province



A great staff day installing bird boxes at The Nature Trust's Pitt Addington Marsh property.



Board Chair Dr. Sally Otto delivers the keynote address (right), Conservation Champion Award recipient, Don Krogseth and wife Jeri (left top), Attendees enjoying dinner and music (left bottom)

## financial report

In 2019 we secured \$4,341,000 in property holdings and spent a further \$1,566,000 on land management. This would not have been possible without the generous financial support of our donors and partners who contributed \$7,197,000 to The Nature Trust of British Columbia during the year.

We were also able to increase our net assets by \$8,790,000, while contributing \$862,000 to our land management fund.

### **Summarized Statements of Financial Position**

INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	8.790.000	5.285.000
	140,761,000	130,316,000
Net Assets	135,267,000	126,477,000
Deferred revenue	5,380,000	3,699,000
Current	114,000	140,000
LIABILITIES		
	140,761,000	130,316,000
Properties	106,136,000	101,795,000
Capital assets	123,000	106,000
Investments	32,378,000	27,044,000
Cash and receivables	2,124,000	1,371,000
ASSETS		
	\$	\$
December 31, 2019 and 2018	2019	2018

This statement has been derived from the complete audited financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.







## Leaving Gifts Now & in the Future

I have had the privilege of getting to know some amazing people who share a passion for nature and wish to leave a lasting legacy to The Nature Trust of BC.

One such person was Fritz Durst who was born in Switzerland and immigrated to Canada as a young man. Despite a steady loss of vision, Fritz attended the University of British Columbia. He had the help of a woman who used to read to him and she told him about The Nature Trust. Fritz graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and went on to a successful career as a radiology technician. By middle age, he was totally blind but continued to hike in the local mountains with friends, listening to the birds and enjoying nature.

Through the years, Fritz supported The Nature Trust of BC with an annual gift. We would meet to celebrate his birthday and catch up on our land conservation work in British Columbia. Fritz had professional advisors who provided estate planning. He named The Nature Trust of BC as his beneficiary in his will but he also donated a major gift during his lifetime. We are very grateful for these different gifts.

A will is an important part of estate planning. And sometimes a major gift combined with a bequest may be more tax effective than just a beguest. From a non-tax point of view, a major gift allows you to see The Nature Trust use some of your planned donation at work, protecting critical habitat for vulnerable species such as Pacific Salmon in the Cowichan River estuary, Great Blue Herons at Nicomen Slough, Lewis's Woodpeckers at Princeton Grasslands - MapleCross Meadow and Grizzly Bears at Columbia River Wetlands - Edgewater.

Seeking professional advice is important in determining the best plan for you. But whatever plan you choose, you can be sure that your gift to The Nature Trust of BC will leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.





Guy Pester Chance
Dorothy Elizabeth Cotton
Fritz Durst
Eileen Husted
Doris Hunter
Evelyn Rosemary Irving
Murray LaBrash
Duncan Peter Garth MacRae
Jeremy P. McCall
Sabine Murdoch

## in memory

Baba
Randy Baker
Berol Barkwill
Hendrik & Henderika Bijdemast
Leatha Boulton
Dr. Bert Brink
Dr. James (Jim) Earnest Bryan
Leighton Budd
Kimberley Calder
Alan Pengelly Campbell
Robert Edward Cousins
Seumas Doherty

James Heighton Dwyer
David Farris
David Brent Gurd
Donna Herb
Kenneth Hewett
Eileen & John Husted
Hal Hystad
Thomas D. Jones
Joseph Lotzkar
Alan Mathews
Evangeline Miller
Michael Murray

Marion Nelson
Robin Penker
Gerald Poirier
Vickie Lea Sangster
Madelon A. Schouten
Ralph & Elaine Shaw
Ken L. Smith
Jim Tisdale
Mike Wagg
Jimmy Walker
Nancy Woodworth
Rosemary Wright



## douglas fir circle

Donors who give regularly offer us the encouragement and financial support to continue our leadership in conserving critical habitat in BC. We would like to acknowledge donors who have supported us for 10 years or more and made a donation in 2019—the year being reported.

### **Foundations & Trusts**

Anne & James Ginns Ecofund BC Conservation Foundation Bob & Judy Hager Family Fund Cecil & Kathleen

Morrow Foundation Columbia Basin Trust Gerard & Trudy Bloem Fund **Grayross Foundation** Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation Ken & Eva Hansom Fund Joan Ford Charitable Society Kaatza Foundation Krogseth Foundation Lohn Foundation McGill Family Foundation Ross R.W. Holt Fund Sitka Foundation Vancouver Foundation Victoria Foundation Wheeler Family Foundation

## **Conservation Groups**

Ducks Unlimited Canada Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program The Kootenay Wildlife Heritage Fund Society Pacific Salmon Foundation

### **Corporations**

BC Plant Healthcare British Pacific Properties Limited Connor, Clark & Lunn Financial Group LGL Limited Environmental Research Associates McCarthy Tétrault LLP Odlum Brown Limited PH&N Investment Services Teck TFI US

#### **Individual Donors**

Cathyrn Abbott & Scott Gilmore Lindsay Allen Gary Anaka John Ashby Rick & Libby Avis Joan Baker David Barraclough Harold Baumbrough Angie Bearman William Beaton Ross & Trisha Beaty Ann Belither Ed Beynon Verena Blatter

Beryl & Harry Borris Dan & Ursula Bowditch David & Rosemary Boyd Val & Dick Bradshaw Jocelyn Braithwaite Dr. Bruce Brandhorst & Dr. Flaine Golds Dr. Fred Bunnell Dr. Rob & Sharon Butler Daryl Calder & Marianne Nahm Robert L. Campsall Doug & Eva Christopher Dr. Craig Clark Stuart & Meg Clyne Norman & Carol Cole Harold & Joan Copping R.A. Costanzo Dave & Lynne Cousins Bill & Barnie Cowan Louis & Edith Davidson Barbara De Leebeeck Laurie Desrosiers Mr. & Mrs. L. Dingsdale Janice Dale Dixon Carolyn & Ron Dodd Bruce Dragan Jim Duncan

Ellen Bond

## nd douglas fir circle

R. Ivor Dunham
Bob & Louise Dyer
Barbara Elliott
Shirley Embra
Susan Entwistle
& Cameron Fraser

John Esling

Kathryn Lynn Feeney

Sharon Fenton Alan & Joan Finnie Brenda Fischer Susan Fisher

Francois & Nina Freyvogel

Timothy Garrish
Sharon Godkin
Debbie Goodman
Jill & Peter Goyert
Gillian Graves
Janet Griesdale
Billy Griffith

Dr. Susan Hannon Merrion Harrison

Chris & Anne-Marie Harvey

John & Mae Harvey

Bill Heidrick

& Kathleen Woodley

David Hellman & Theresa Burns Dr. John Henderson May & Bill Henderson Nancy Henderson Catharine Herb-Kelly Doug Herchmer Audrey Hoeg

Rod & Patricia Hoffmeister

Patricia Hood Sheila Howard

George & Jane Hungerford

Janice Husted Lynn Husted

A. T. David Hutchings Jim & Linda Intihar Ann Ishiguro

Cliff Jackman

Stephen & Susan Jackson

Doug Janz Deborah Jones Ingrid Kastens

Ted Kay

Brian & Anne Keir

Christopher & Susan Kelsey Deborah & Tom Kennedy

Elaine Kennedy

Rudy & Elizabeth Kerklaan

Michael King

Florence & Sandra Knapp

Nancy Krueger

H. Laue

Drum & Liz Laviolette

Laird Law
Blair Leonoff
Lynne Lepin
Nicholas Liley
Penny Lobdell
Tracy Loewen

Stuart & Leslie MacDonald

Neil MacLennan Karin Marks Janet Marsh Ted Mason Lorna Mays

Marsha McDermid

Michael & Barbara McGrenere

Gordon McIntyre
Rick McKelvey
Louise McLean
Fred McMechan
Janet Middleton
Garry Mierzuack
Penny Moul
Judy Myers
Tilman Nahm

Cathleen Nichols & Chris Robinson

Kenneth Osborne Patrick & Hilary Oswald

Peter Pearse

Dennis Perry & Susan Drury

Linda Petch Dr. Peter Nash Jim Piper

Ebie & Ian Pitfield Dr. Ian Plenderleith Bryan & Anne Prentice

Dr. Roy Purssell

Sunipa Rassameeuthai George, Wendy & George Reifel

Dick & Marilyn Richards

Sylvia Rickard Bill & Heather Riedl

Robin Rivers

Caroline J. Robertson George & Helen Robinson

Cherry Rowlands

Steven Savitt & Mary Lynn Baum

Gordon & Ann Scott Rachel Shephard

Frank & June Shoemaker

Scott Smythe Peter Speer Katharine Steig

Ray & Jennifer Stewart Ian & Stella Stirling Larry Tataryn Iudith Terry

Irene Teske Louise Thompson

Shirley Thompson Mark Trueman Mike & Cher Tutt Frances Vyse Bill Walker

Elizabeth Walker Marilyn J. Webber

John & Gail West & Family

Caroline Westra

Jacquie & Graham White Elizabeth Whittaker

Mary Wight Roger Wiles Gwynneth Wilson

Jennifer Wilson & Cameron Prentice

Robin Wilson Jim & Lyn Wisnia Robyn Woodward

Kenneth & Jennifer Yule

Ann Zielinksi

## **%** donors

#### **Individual Donors**

Rob Abbott

Michael & Anne Akerly

Judith Albert

Scott Albrechtsen

James Allen

Pamela Allen

David & Sandra Anderson

Ron & Diane Anderson

Lorraine Andrusiak

Laurence Appleby

Peter R.B. Armstrong

Phil Ashworth

Sean Badart

Shawn Baenziger

Bruce Bailey

Ian Bailey

Roger & Jane Bailey

Steve & Kanya Baillie

Kathleen Jane Baker

Duncan Ball

Peter & Shirley Ballin

Stephen Barer

& Susan Albersheim

Sara & Jim Barker

Carolyn Barnes

Barbara Barrett

Michelle Baudais

Jeff Bay & Eleanor Rushton

Janice & Bob Baynham

William Beaton

Bill Bennett

Franca Bertoncin

Rob Beynon

Jenny Biem

Edie Bijdemast

Douglas Billington

Theresa Bilodeaux

Richard Bird

Robin Bjorklund

Ernie & Donna Bodie

Lesley R. Bohm Chris Bosman

Doug & Carol Botting

Helen Boultbee

William Bowley

Dave & Margaret Bowman

Rusty Bracken

Bill & Wendy Brown

Glen Burgoyne

Randy Burke

Christine Campbell

Jan Canning & Peter Millar

Reid & Laura Carter

Kitty & Mike Castle

Chris & Elizabeth Causton Brandon Charlesworth

Susan Christie

Philip & Claire Cilliers

Rosemary & Paul Clapham

Brian Clark

Joanna Clark

Alex & Luanne Coffey

Matt Collingwood Sara & Dan Connal

Evelvn Constable

Irene Cooper

Brian Coote

John & Rosemary Cormie Chris Cornborough

S. Courtemanche

Patricia Craik Ron Creber

Nicholas Crichton in honour

of Task Force 3-09

David Crouch

Andrew Davidson

Hettie deJong

Peter deKoning

Karen Douglas

Wilfred Dreher

& Susan Denny

David & Elizabeth Drew

Drouin Family

Andrew Dunham

Peter Dunik

David & Farrell Eckman

Susan Erdmann

Marcia Farquhar

Tracey Faulkner

Lawrie Fawcett

Harold & Virginia Fearing

Jenny Feick

Jamie Ferguson

& Marta Brisco

Franco Ferrucci

Sue Fife

Barry Forer

Cathy & Joseph Fouchard

James Franssen

Marilyn Fuchs Norm & Loni Funnell

John Garland

Robert Gayton Vanessa Gelhaar

Liron Gertsman

Tom Gibson

Bill Gileo

Patricia Gill & John Fuerst

Brigid Gillis & Adrian French

Lori Goldman

Brittany Graham Arnold & Elizabeth Greenius

Stephen Griffiths

Emily Griffiths-Hamilton

Elvira Grondin

Harry Grossmith

Geoff, Nick, Peter & Sam Gudewill

Doug & Anna Guest

David & Carol Gurd

Lynda Hackney

Jenny Hager Jim & Renee Haggart

The Hales Family

Mark Hall

Mark Halpern Robert &

Margaret Handfield

Rob Harmer

Rhys & Terry Harrison

Rosemarie Harrison Peter Hatfield

Madeleine Hawkins

Hay Family

David & Pamela Helem Susan & Jamie Henwood Debra Herst Anthea Hewett

Steve Hilts

Dan & Nikki Hincks

Chris Hobbs

Dean & Marion Hodgson

Fred Hornby Mark Hornell Gerald Houlden Steve Housser

Disa Hovatta

Dave & Karen Hoyle

lanet, Pat

& Heather Hudgins

Janie Hungerford & Paul Silk

Diana Inselberg Glen Jamieson

Sharon & Gary Jardine

Michael Jessen
Rusty Joerin
Griff Iones

Shirley Jones-Koers

Dr. Robert Keates Bev Kenzie Ann Kiefer Kevin Krebs Kerry Kukucha

Timothy Lack

Claire & Richard Lament

J. Jasper & Caitlin Lament Doreen M. Lanskail Anne & Erling Larson

Peter & Terry Leggat

Kristi Lind

## **6** donors

**Janette Lindley** & Danny Peart Maureen Lisle Maggie Little

Margaret & Jim Little

Mary Lottridge Agnes & Dave Lynn Stuart MacDonald Marlene MacKenzie Richard Mackie Iodi MacLean

Andrea MacLeod Audrey MacNaughton

Carleton & April MacNaughton

**Evie Mandel** 

Catherine & Gavin Manning Barb and Doug Margerm

Doug Mathias Vera May Colin Mayer

Kirsten Emiko McAllister

Rosalie McAllister D. Lorne McCulloch Kirsten McDougall

Jerry & Lynne McFetridge Stuart McKinnon & Wolf Willow

Dr. Athena McKown lane McLennan

Martin & Claire McNish

Douglas McRae

Wilfrid & Sally Mennell **Graham Twyford Miles** 

Rov Millen Lea Milner Mary Mitchell

Kathleen Moore Robert Moore Karen Morcke

lanet & Andrew Morgan

Lance Morginn Robert & Anneli Muir Gary & Ronda Murdock Anne & Len Murray Larry Newland Marisa Nichini **Brent Nichols** 

Laurine & Roger Nickel

I. Kris Nielsen The Noel Family Petrus Nooii Andrew Norden Karen Nordlinger Patricia Novak Russ Nugent

Michael & Gretchen O'Brien

Sheila Ogilvie & David Cameron

Lana Okerlund & Ralph Wells

Sean O'Rourke Liz Osborn

Sally Otto & Michael Whitlock Ian Oudenes & Isobel Ralston

Thomas Ovanin Stephen Partington

lody Peck

Ross & Deborah Peck

I. Perrin

Kathy Pomeroy Douglas Poucher Malcolm Pratt

Carmen Purdy Sherri Purves Rick Putz Fd Raaflaub Lucy Reiss

Fred & Marilyn Resler

Sheila Rivers **Justin Roach** 

Barbara & Rocke Robertson

Anita Romaniuk Dr. Robert Rothwell Madge & Bryan Rudgard

Lindsay Salt

Diane & Richard Salter

Matthew Sauder **Iim Saunders** Dr. Dolph Schluter Doris Schuh Bernhard Schwab Stephen Schwartz Andrew Scott Cathleen Scott

Bob & Deb Sherwood Iason & Olesia Shewchuk

Ioan Skeet

Alfred Serfas

Craig & Bobbi Smith

Jeff Smyth Susanna Solecki

Ross & Ursula Southam

**Daryl Spiers** David Sprague & Elaine Williamson

Alan Statham

Michael Steinmann

Tom Stewart Joe Strong Eric Sundby Robert Tait

Peter & Gillian Taylor Denis & Rosemary Tegart Donald & Norma Thompson

Grant A. Thompson Terri Thompson Thwaites Family Georgina Turner Ianelle Urchenko Peter Van Kleef

Anita Veeneman & Ken Topham

Brooke & Tracey Wade Denny & Dolores Wagg

Ann Wahlen Rachel Walker Sandra Walls Leanna Warman Brian Warnke Dale Webber **Brent Weismiller** 

Anthony & Janna Werry

Gerald Whittall

Pam Whittall & Edwin Beange

Ken Wiklund lane Wilson Andrea Winkler

Richard & Sabine Wood Dr. Sally Aitken & Jack Woods

**Annabel Young** 

John Yuill

Julian & Sherri K. Zelazny



## **%** corporate donors

AC&D Insurance Services Ltd.

Adventus Realty Services

Anderson Veterinary Clinic

Avalon Inn

Beach Club Resort Bellstar Hotels & Resorts Ltd.

Blakes, Cassels & Graydon LLP

BMO Bank of Montreal

British Columbia Real Estate Association

**Burrowing Owl Estate Winery** 

Canadian Mattress Recycling

Cannabis Culture Magazine

Cassels Brock

Chinook Scaffold Systems Ltd.

Coastland Wood Industries Ltd.

Crew Energy Inc.

Dilworth Quality Homes Kelowna

Endeavour Silver Corp.

GardenWorks

Great Canadian Railtour Company

Grosvenor Americas

Karen Cooper Gallery

Landseer Investments Ltd.

Living Enlightened Education & Products Ltd.

Mid Island Co-op

Mitacs Inc.

Nighthawk Vineyards

Pan American Silver Corp.

Pathfinders Design and Technology

Pinchin Ltd.

Pop Opera Salon Ltd.

RBC Dominion Securities Inc.

**SPUD** 

TD Asset Management

Teekay

Tiffany & Co

True Grain Bread

Urban Impact Recycling Ltd.

Vancouver Airport Authority

Vancouver Fraser Port Authority

Well Kept

Western Forest Products

Western Projects Management

Westpoint Naturals

Wheaton Precious Metals

Woodfibre LNG Limited

Zenith Commissioning Consulting

## conservation partners

### **Conservation & Community Groups**

Arrowsmith Naturalist

BC Backcountry Hunters & Anglers

BC Conservation Foundation

**Burrowing Owl Conservation Society** 

Canadian Intermountain Joint Venture

Canadian Land Trust Working Group

Canal Flats Wilderness Club

Coastal Douglas-fir Conservation Partnership

Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society

Cowichan Tribes

East Kootenay Invasive Species Council

ECO Canada

Elkford Rod and Gun Club

Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program

Fraser Basin Council Society

Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team

George Bonner Elementary

Golden District Rod & Gun Club

Kootenay Community Bat Project

Kootenay Conservation Program

Lake Windermere District Rod & Gun Club

Land Trust Alliance of BC

Lotus Cycling

Mill Bay Nature School

Mount Cheam Christian School

Nanaimo & District Fish & Game Protection Association

Nature Chilliwack

Nature Conservancy of Canada

Nature Vancouver

North Island Wildlife Recovery Association

North Okanagan Naturalists' Club

Okanagan and Similkameen Invasive Species Society

Okanagan Nation Alliance

Okanagan-Similkameen Parks Society

Pacific Birds Habitat Joint Venture

Rocky Mountain Naturalists

Rocky Mountain Trench Natural Resources Society

Salmon Arm Bay Nature Enhancement Society

Savary Island Land Trust

### **Conservation & Community Groups**

Shoreacres Neighbourhood Community Association

Slocan River Streamkeepers Society

Southern Interior Land Trust (SILT).

South Okanagan Naturalists' Club

South Okanagan Similkameen Conservation Program

Sparwood and District Fish and Wildlife Association

Vancouver Island Woodcarvers Club

Wild Sheep Society of BC

Wildlife Habitat Canada

Wildsight Society

Williams Lake Field Naturalists



### **Foundations & Trusts**

Anako Foundation

Armstrong Family Foundation

Bob & Judy Richardson Fund

Caritate Foundation

Carol Hannon Foundation

Collings Stevens Family Foundation Enid & Rod Allan Fund

Gerard & Trudy Bloem Fund

The Harold Kalke Foundation

The Jarislowsky Foundation

McGuiness Matteson Family Foundation

Pelter Family Fund

Otto & Marie Pick Charitable Foundation

Real Estate Foundation of BC

Richard & Winnifred Bocking Fund

Synergy Fund, held at Vancouver Foundation TD Friends of the Environment Foundation

#### Government

BC Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy

BC Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource

Operations & Rural Development

BC Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure

Canada Summer Jobs (Service Canada)

Canadian Wildlife Service

City of Campbell River

City of Chilliwack

City of Coquitlam

City of Courtenay

City of Kelowna

City of Nanaimo

City of Parksville

City of Powell River

City of Prince George

City of Salmon Arm

City of Surrey

City of West Kelowna

City of Williams Lake

Corporation of Delta

Cowichan Valley Regional District

District of 100 Mile House

District of Peachland

District of Saanich

District of Squamish

Environment & Climate Change Canada

Fisheries & Oceans Canada

Fraser Valley Regional District

Metro Vancouver

Municipality of North Cowichan

National Research Council Canada

Regional District of Central Okanagan

Regional District of East Kootenay

Regional District of Nanaimo

Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

Sunshine Coast Regional District

Town of Comox

Village of Canal Flats

Village of Sayward



#### **Board of Directors**

Sarah Otto, PhD, Chair Ron Anderson Peter R. B. Armstrong Trisha Beaty Bill Bennett Brian Clark, RPBio Emily Griffiths-Hamilton Doug Janz Andrea MacLeod, PhD Justin Roach Brooke Wade Richard Wood Jack Woods Jim Wyse

### **Advisory Board**

Peter Arcese Ross Beaty Doug Christopher Don Krogseth Daniel Nocente George Reifel Dick Richards Peter Speer John West Kip Woodward

#### **Director Emeritus**

Carmen Purdy

### **Honourary Patron**

The Honourable Janet Austin, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia

#### The Nature Trust of British Columbia Team

Chris Bosman, Kootenay Conservation Land Manager Nicholas Burdock, Okanagan Conservation Land Manager Laurie Desrosiers, Chief Financial Officer Ianice Dixon, Database Manager Jason Emery, Director of Conservation Land Management Mahkia Eybagi, Project Coordinator Elvira Grondin, Events & Communications Assistant Jes Hovanes, Communications Manager Deborah Kennedy, Director of Marketing & Development lasper Lament, Chief Executive Officer Carleton MacNaughton, Interior & Coastal Mainland Conservation Land Manager Danielle Morrison, GIS Specialist Samantha Penner, Lower Mainland Field Operations Technician Sunipa Rassameeuthai, Finance & Administration Coordinator Robin Rivers, Communications Manager (former) Joe Strong, Kootenay Conservation Land Coordinator Leanna Warman, Ecosystem Specialist Julian Zelazny, Director of Conservation Land Securement

### Partnership Program Staff

Steven Henstra, Restoration, Inventory & Monitoring Biologist Shawn Lukas, Field Operations Coordinator Sonja Panozzo, Field Technician Tom Reid, West Coast Conservation Land Manager Curtis Rispin, Senior Restoration Technician

#### **Photo Credits**

Cover photo of The Nature Trust's Columbia River Wetlands–Edgewater by Graham Osborne, Inside front cover by Andrew Klaver, Page 1 by Stephanie Seaton, Page 2 by Peter Gutsche, inset by Nick Burdock, Page 5 by Tom Reid, Page 6 by Graham Osborne, inset by Tom Middleton, Page 7 by Graham Osborne, Page 8 by Melissa Halfting, Page 9 by Graham Osborne, Page 10-11 by The Nature Trust Conservation Youth Crews, Page 15 by Matt Kennedy, Page 16-19 by Graham Osborne, Page 23 by Andrew Klaver, Inside back cover by Bill Murdock, All other photos by Nature Trust friends and partners



# Main Office The Nature Trust of British Columbia

500-888 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, BC V6C 3K4
Phone: 604.924.9771 Toll free: 1.866.288.7878 Fax: 604.924.9772
info@naturetrust.bc.ca www.naturetrust.bc.ca
Charitable #10808 9863 RR0001

### Regional Offices Kootenay The Nature Trust of British Columbia

205 Industrial Road G, Cranbrook, BC V1C 7G5 Phone: 250.489.8549 Fax: 250.489.8506

# Okanagan The Nature Trust of British Columbia

102 Industrial Place, Penticton, BC V2A 7C8 Phone: 250.490.8218

# Vancouver Island The Nature Trust of British Columbia

2080A Labieux Road, Nanaimo, BC V9T 6J9 Phone: 250.751.3218 Fax: 250.751.3103