

# Benefits of Wetlands

**28,861 acres**

is the amount of marshes and ponds Canada loses every year.

**80 acres**

is the amount Canada loses every day - the equivalent of about **45 soccer fields every 24 hours.**

The sad truth is we're currently losing these important natural areas faster than we can restore them. And with that loss, the many benefits they provide are gone too.

Not only do people enjoy exploring and experiencing our marshes and ponds, but they're home to lots of wildlife. This includes many species at risk that rely on these places to survive. They also play an important part in keeping our environment healthy by:

- filtering our water and providing safe, secure water sources;
- buffering against the impacts of climate change; and
- reducing flooding, drought and erosion.



The **piping plover**, **northern leopard frog** and **snapping and painted turtles** are some species at risk that would be threatened by further lost habitat.

### Did you know...

wetland loss in Canada is like adding the emissions of over **1.1 million new passenger cars** to the atmosphere every year!



## 2013 THE YEAR OF THE CONSERVATION CHAMPION

Ducks Unlimited Canada is celebrating its diamond anniversary and we want YOU to be a part of our conservation community for change! Visit [ducks.ca](http://ducks.ca) to learn all the different ways to get involved today.

*Jon Montgomery, DUC Ambassador, Olympic Champion, Five-time Canadian Champion*

# Ducks Unlimited Canada at a glance

Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) is the leader in wetland conservation. A registered charity, DUC partners with government, industry, non-profit organizations and landowners to conserve wetlands that are critical to waterfowl, wildlife and the environment.

### Sound Science

- The DUC team of experts unites science and conservation to deliver ground-breaking work on the landscape.
- From coast, to coast, to coast, DUC is active in every province and territory.
- Established in 1938, DUC has nearly 75 years experience conserving wetlands.

### Visionary Support

**143,046**

Grassroots supporters

**6,601**

Volunteers

**511**

Annual fundraising events

**70,783**

Event attendees

**39,564**

Students\*

\*Children 17 years and under enrolled in the Project Webfoot youth education program.

### Results that Make a Difference

**6.3 million acres**

Habitat secured<sup>1</sup>

**96.1 million acres**

Habitat positively influenced<sup>2</sup>

**9,112**

Habitat projects completed

**18,945**

Canadian landowners conserving habitat in partnership with DUC

\*As of March 31, 2012

<sup>1</sup>Through land purchase, management agreements, conservation easements and leases. <sup>2</sup>Through retention or restoration measures of less than 10 years or policy projects.