



Voices For Nature

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Moving Nature Forward, Together



Dear Friends,

**Nature is interconnected.
So is the movement protecting it.**

From the birds above our cities to our forests, grasslands, rivers and ocean, every part of nature depends on another. And every

action to protect it adds strength to something bigger.

Your generosity is part of that living network.

Over the past year, you have helped connect people, communities and organizations across Canada around a shared love of nature and a responsibility to protect it. You have strengthened local action, amplified voices for nature, and helped advocate for decisions that give species and habitats the opportunity to flourish. Across Canada, that collective effort is delivering real results for nature. Your support enabled Nature Canada's partners in Greater Sudbury and Surrey to secure thousands of hectares of new parkland, and helped the District of Lunenburg protect 2,608 acres of vital habitat.



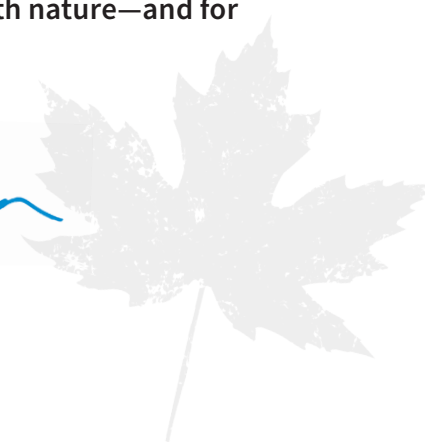
Still, the pressures facing biodiversity are significant, but so is the opportunity before us. There is much more we can do together. Every community that takes action, every young person who discovers a love of nature, every habitat restored, and every voice raised moves us closer to a Canada where nature is restored, thriving, and rooted in the decisions that shape our shared future.

Thank you for standing with nature—and for helping raise its voice.

For the love of nature,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Emily McMillan".

Emily McMillan
Executive Director
Nature Canada



When Nature Needs A Voice, You Answer

Because of you, thousands of voices became one powerful call for nature—reminding our leaders that protecting biodiversity is essential, and that nature must be at the centre of the decisions shaping our shared future.

This year, thirty-seven partner organizations joined us for Nature on the Hill, and **more than 5,279 people sent letters to the Prime Minister urging action to be taken to protect the nature around us.** Your generosity empowered us to lead the call for the federal government to fund and implement Canada's Nature Strategy—committing to protect 30 percent of lands and waters by 2030.

That investment matters. Federal funding can turn commitments into action—protecting and restoring habitat, helping halt and reverse biodiversity loss, and advancing Canada's conservation commitments.

We are all part of nature, and share the responsibility to protect and defend the habitat and wildlife that sustain us. From coast to coast to coast, committed and passionate Canadians like you act on our shared values. Together we raise nature's vital voice where decisions are made—making our collective chorus impossible to ignore.



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Cedar Waxwing

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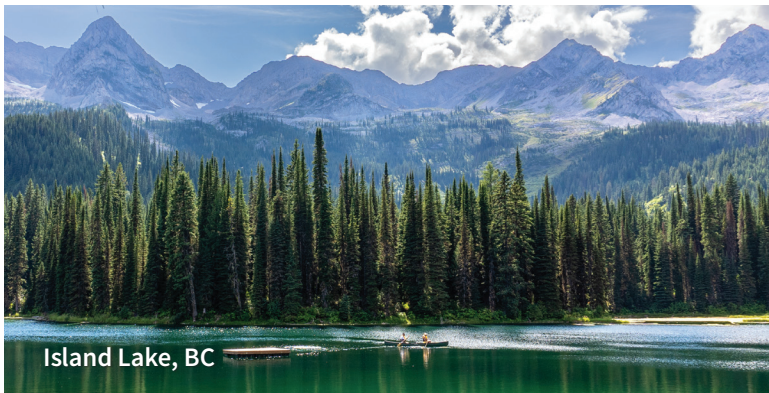
Keeping Birdsong In Our Communities

Imagine our neighbourhoods without the familiar sound of birdsong. Over the last 50 years, North America has lost an estimated 3 billion birds, including species that have long shared our towns, cities and backyards. Protecting the places birds need to survive has never been more urgent.

Thanks to donors like you, the Bird Friendly City program has grown into a national movement. More than 40 Cities, Towns and Villages are now certified Bird Friendly, supported by 75+ local Bird Teams and more than 425 engaged Nature Network groups.

In Peterborough and Kawartha Lakes, that commitment came to life through a community nest box building workshop, creating habitat for species including House Wrens, Swallows and Eastern Bluebirds. Across Canada, your support is also advancing bird-safe design standards, pesticide restrictions, native planting policies, climate-resilient habitat projects and more than 80 World Migratory Bird Day celebrations.

Together, we are making space for birds and biodiversity to flourish, and help ensure birdsong remains part of our communities for generations to come.



Island Lake, BC

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Giving Nature A Voice

A river cannot speak when its future is threatened. A forest cannot sit at a decision-making table. Living species cannot ask us to protect the places they need to survive. **But together, we can ensure their needs are heard.**

Long before Canada existed, Indigenous Peoples held—and continue to hold—deep relationships with the plants, animals, and ecosystems that sustain us. Indigenous laws and knowledge systems have long recognized our responsibilities to nature and the interconnectedness of all living things.

Colonial systems disrupted these relationships, imposing laws that too often treated nature as property rather than recognizing its inherent value. **Your support is helping challenge that legacy and advance the growing Rights of Nature movement in Canada.**

This past year, your generosity helped ensure nature had a voice in important decisions surrounding the Impact Assessment Act—championing the recognition that ecosystems such as forests and rivers have an inherent right to exist, flourish, and naturally regenerate.

By standing with us, you are helping build a future that respects Indigenous knowledge and leadership, recognizes our responsibilities to nature, and protects the lands, waters, and the species that share these lands and waters for generations to come.

Standing Strong For Canada's Forest

A forest is more than a collection of trees. It is a living, interconnected ecosystem—home to living species that depend on one another to flourish.

Canada's forests stretch from coast to coast to coast and provide critical habitat for countless species—from birds and pollinators to mammals and plants. They store carbon, protect water and strengthen communities.

Yet climate change, habitat loss and increasingly severe wildfires are putting forests and wildlife under growing pressure. Not every community has equal access to the clean air, cooling shade and connection to nature that healthy trees provide.

Your support is helping Nature Canada advance tree equity, protect and restore forests, and champion nature-based solutions that strengthen biodiversity and climate resilience.

Because of you, we are helping forests recover, providing the habitat needed to flourish, and strengthening the connection between healthy ecosystems and healthy communities—today and for generations to come.

Where A Lifelong Love Of Nature Begins

For many of us, caring about nature began with a simple experience; spotting a bird, walking beneath towering trees, exploring a shoreline, or discovering something in nature for the first time.

Your generosity helps create meaningful opportunities for youth, including those from underserved and underrepresented communities to connect with nature, develop leadership skills and explore pathways into conservation.

Through hands-on experiences, mentorship, employment opportunities and community-led projects, young

people build the confidence, knowledge and networks to turn their passion into action. **Your support reduces barriers to outdoor experiences and environmental careers, creating more inclusive pathways into Canada's conservation movement.**

Because of you, young people aren't simply learning about nature. They are discovering that they have the power to protect it—bringing new voices, ideas and leadership into a growing nature movement that will carry this work forward.



Sperm whale Fluke

© John Cartledge



The Future Of Nature Starts With You

Coast to coast to coast, the places we love—our forests, wetlands, grasslands, waterways, and coastlines—are home to an extraordinary diversity of life.

Throughout this update, you've seen what your support makes possible: stronger communities, safer habitats for the many forms of life in our ecosystem, opportunities for young people to become conservation leaders, and a powerful collective voice for nature.

But this work is far from finished. The pressures facing nature continues to grow, and the choices we make today will shape the Canada we leave for generations to come.

We invite you to continue standing with nature. Renew your support, deepen your commitment, and help us bring even more people into this growing movement.

Together, we can build a Canada where nature is restored, thriving, and an integral part of everyday life—rooted in the decisions that shape our shared future.

Nature needs all of us. With you, we can keep raising the voice for nature.

Protecting The Ocean That Sustains Us

Beneath the surface of Canada's ocean is an extraordinary web of life—from the smallest organisms to North Atlantic Right Whales and Southern Resident Orcas. These species and the habitats they depend on have an inherent right to exist and flourish. A healthy ocean sustains life far beyond its shores—producing oxygen, providing food, supporting communities and helping regulate our climate.

Canada has committed to protecting 30 percent of our ocean by 2030, including creating protected areas where biodiversity can recover and thrive. Overexploitation and pollution are driving species decline and disrupting marine ecosystems.

Protecting their ocean home cannot wait.

Thank you for using your voice and standing with us as an Ocean Defender. **Through ongoing advocacy and engagement, together we are advancing the protection, restoration and appreciation of Canada's ocean.**

Because protecting the ocean isn't only about what lives beneath the surface. A healthy ocean sustains all of us, and protecting its future means protecting our own.



Board of Directors

From left to right, the attendees are: Sonia Theroux (Chair), Jamie Simpson, Peter Noteboom, Liette Vasseur, Logan McIntosh (Vice Chair), Aviva Patel, Renata Woodward, Lillian Trapper, David Coffey (Treasurer).

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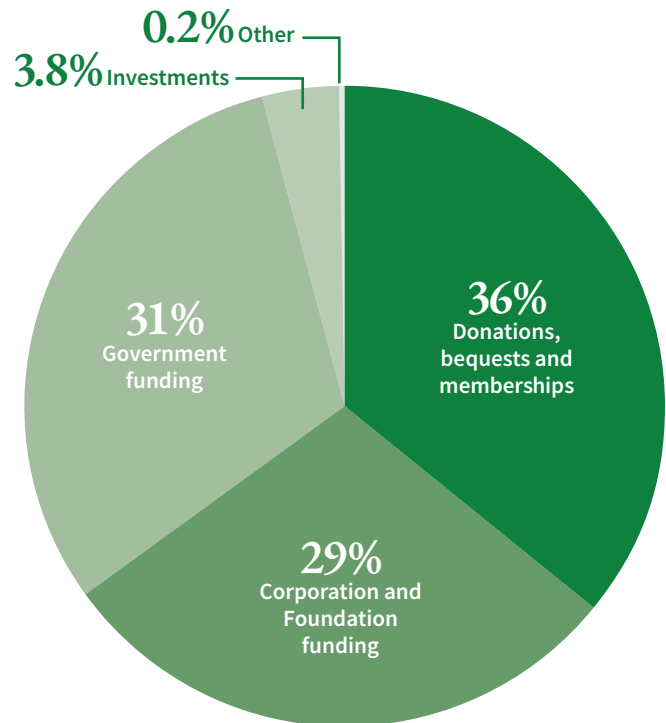
Financials 2025–26

2025–2026 Revenue

Together, we are Canada’s voice for nature. Your membership is a gift of action protecting wildlife and wilderness, and preserving nature for our children and grandchildren. In addition to our strong grassroots membership, we are honoured to partner with corporations, foundations and other groups who care about nature in Canada. Nature Canada cherishes each and every gift we receive.

Here’s how we raise our funds:

Nature Canada financials for year ending in March 31, 2026

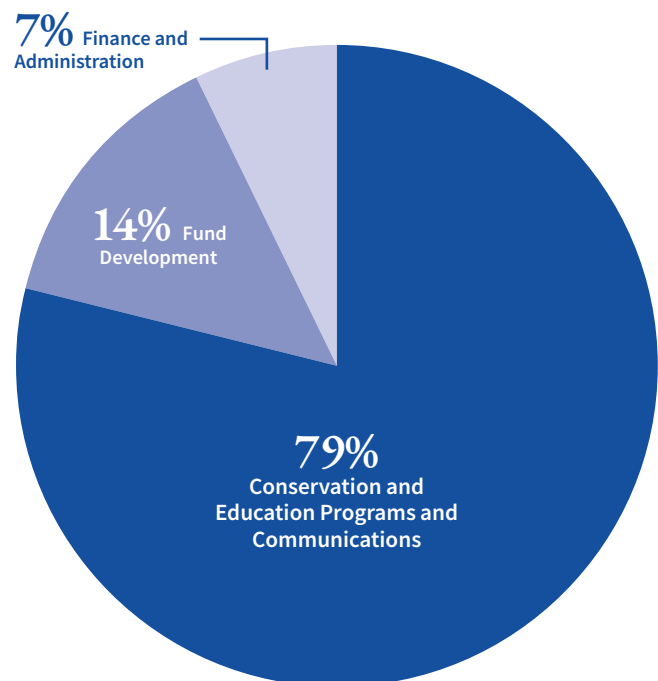


Donations, bequests and memberships	\$2,210,348
Corporation and foundation funding	\$1,772,696
Government funding	\$1,864,780
Investments	\$275,477
Other	\$11,500
	\$6,164,801

2025–2026 Expenses

Thank you for adding your voice to protect nature and the places and species we all cherish—and for trusting us with your generosity. We are accountable to you. We take care each and every day to ensure that we spend your gift in ways that achieve crucial and inspiring victories for wildlife and wild spaces in your province and across Canada.

Here’s how we spend our funds:



Conservation & Education Programs and Communications	\$4,869,344
Fund Development	\$865,286
Finance and Administration	\$414,648
	\$6,149,278

Auditors: Baker Tilly, Ottawa LLP
Chartered Professional Accountants

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