



# Ducks Unlimited Canada: Preserving our wetlands

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## KURTZ UPLANDS

This wetland provides both breeding and staging habitat for waterfowl in the area. It's located eight miles northwest of Melville on Highway 15 and 4 1/2 miles north along the grid road. The quarter section parcel has a large wetland in the centre and is extremely valuable to all wildlife species in the area.

If you want to go a little further afield from Melville you can undertake a self-drive nature tour of some of the projects in the Yorkton South Area, located about half an hour's drive northeast of Melville.

The Hardy and Molnar projects are located east of Highway 10. The Hardy project sees DU managing 60 acres of wetlands and 260 acres of upland habitat while the Molnar Prairie Care project is one kilometre east.

Leech Lakes and the Maddaford project are two of the bigger ones in the area. Leech Lakes cover 1,850 acres while Maddaford marsh covers 916 acres.

## WILDLIFE VIEWING TIPS

To make your experience more pleasant and rewarding you may want to consider the following tips:

- A pair of binoculars, spotting scope and a well-illustrated field guide are the basics for nature watching.
- Most wildlife sightings occur at dawn and dusk when animals are the most active.
- Limit your walking to trails, blinds, viewing towers and boardwalks.
- Respect wildlife by avoiding nesting areas and reduce disturbance by observing from a distance.

- A 35 mm camera with a telephoto or zoom lens is recommended for photographing wildlife. Avoid movement or use a blind to increase concealment.

For more information on these projects or others in the region call Ducks Unlimited Canada at (306)782-2108 in Yorkton.



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