

Preserving our wetlands through DU Canada



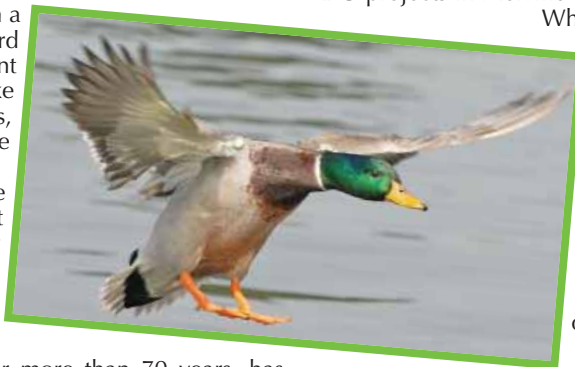
One of the fastest growing recreational activities in North America today is that of birding. Clubs are springing up all over, drawing increasing numbers of dedicated birds whose hallmark is an appreciation for our wonderful wildlife resources.

The Melville area is blessed with a wide and diverse number of bird species, not to mention the abundant wild animal species, which make their homes in the forests, plains, lakes and streams throughout the region.

Nature watching can be done anywhere throughout the region but there are certain areas, especially on lands owned and managed by Ducks Unlimited Canada, that are particularly rewarding because of the many species that reside there.

DU Canada, in existence for more than 70 years, has arguably become one of the world's most well-known and well-respected organizations dedicated to waterfowl and wetland conservation.

During that time, DU has been involved with projects covering 25 million acres of habitat in Canada. Saskatchewan has in excess of 2,500 habitat projects partnering with some 5,000 land owners. About 1.8 million acres have been secured as wildlife habitat. DU has spent about \$250 million on projects in Saskatchewan.



The Yorkton Area office is responsible for the projects in the Melville region. It manages over 200 projects and more than 45,000 acres of secured habitat.

If the great outdoors with all its wonderful flora and fauna appeal to you, there aren't many better places to find it than on DU projects in Melville and area.

What variety of wildlife can you expect to see during your visit to a DU project? More than 600 wildlife species utilize DU projects in Canada, United States and Mexico.

On your tour around Melville some of the species you can expect to see are mallard ducks, Canada geese, mountain bluebirds, horned larks, yellow-headed blackbirds and mourning doves. Check out some of these local DU projects for wonderful birding opportunities:

Surprise Lake and Surprise Lake Uplands

Located eight miles south and 1 1/2 miles west of Melville, this project consists of a large wetland that most waterfowl species frequent. It's been enhanced by the construction of islands designed to provide secure nesting habitat for upland nesting fowl.

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