

Preserving our wetlands through DU Canada



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The upland portion of this project consists of a quarter section of land purchased by DU and planted to nesting cover for waterfowl, and provides habitat for many waterfowl and other wildlife species.

Kucuik Uplands

This project, located eight miles northwest of Melville along Highway 15, consists of three quarters of land leased by DU and cultivated lands seeded to a planted cover for upland nesting waterfowl. The land is very rolling and has an abundance of wetlands.

Lutz Uplands

The 60-acre parcel of land leased by DU and planted to upland cover is located 8-1/2 miles northwest of Melville along Highway 15. The project is very similar to Kucuik Uplands in terrain and wetland types.

Schick Uplands

Located eight miles northwest of Melville along Highway 15 and three miles north along the grid road, this project is a quarter of land purchased by DU. It features a large wetland along the northern edge of the quarter with many artificial nesting structures placed in the wetland. The uplands have been planted to upland nesting cover and provides habitat for many wildlife species.

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.

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