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# **Update from the Canadian Wildlife Service**

Bird Conservation Committee

**83rd North American Wildlife and Natural Resources  
Conference**

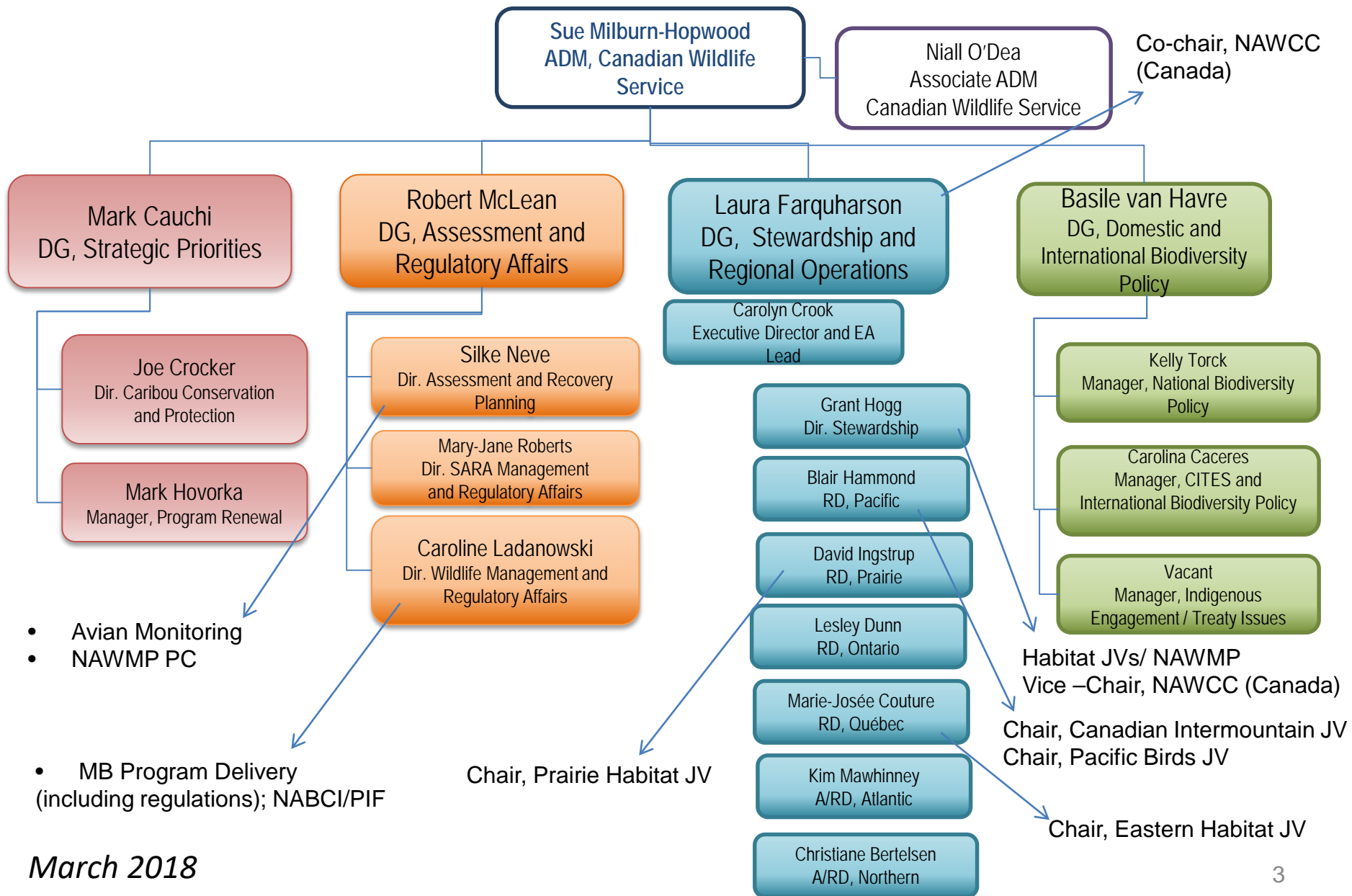
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# Budget 2018

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- **Government of Canada announced, as part of Federal Budget, \$1.3 billion over five years** for conservation
- This investment will contribute \$500 million from the federal government to create a new \$1 billion **Nature Fund** in partnership with corporate, not-for profit, provincial, territorial and other partners.
  - Nature Fund will make it possible to secure private land, support provincial and territorial species protection efforts, and help build Indigenous capacity to conserve land and species, for our benefit and the benefit of future generations.
  - **NAWMP /NABCI can be funded via this**
- The remaining funding will:
  - Continue implementation of the *Species at Risk Act* by supporting assessment, listing, recovery planning and action planning activities.
  - Increase the federal capacity to **protect species at risk** and put in place new recovery initiatives for priority species, areas and threats to our environment.
  - **Expand national wildlife areas and migratory bird sanctuaries.**
  - **Increase the federal capacity to manage protected areas**, including national parks.
  - **Establish a coordinated network of conservation areas** working with provincial, territorial and Indigenous partners.
- Great opportunity to support broad biodiversity / conservation objectives including Migratory Bird Conservation

# CWS ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

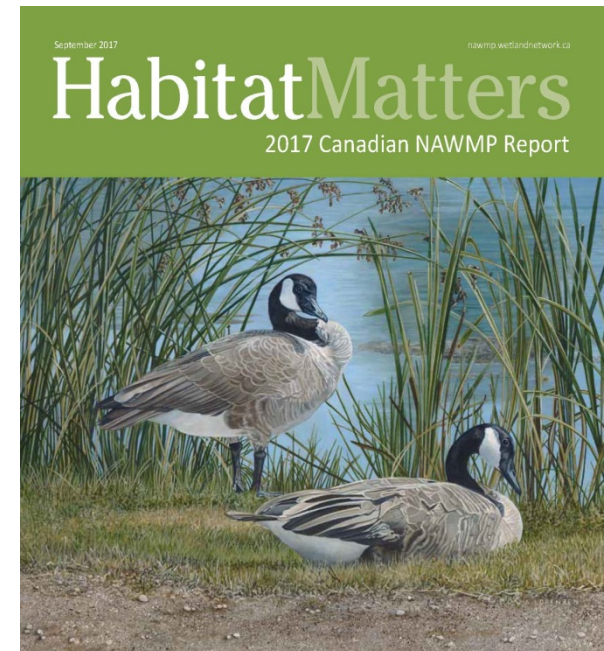


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# North American Waterfowl Management Plan (Canada)

- NAWMP Update greatly anticipated
- (Canada Night in September 2018)

	Wetland and Associated Upland Habitat secured	Contributions (CAD\$)
Since Inception (1986)	20.9 Million Acres	\$2,314 Million
2016-2017	928,600 Acres	\$95 Million

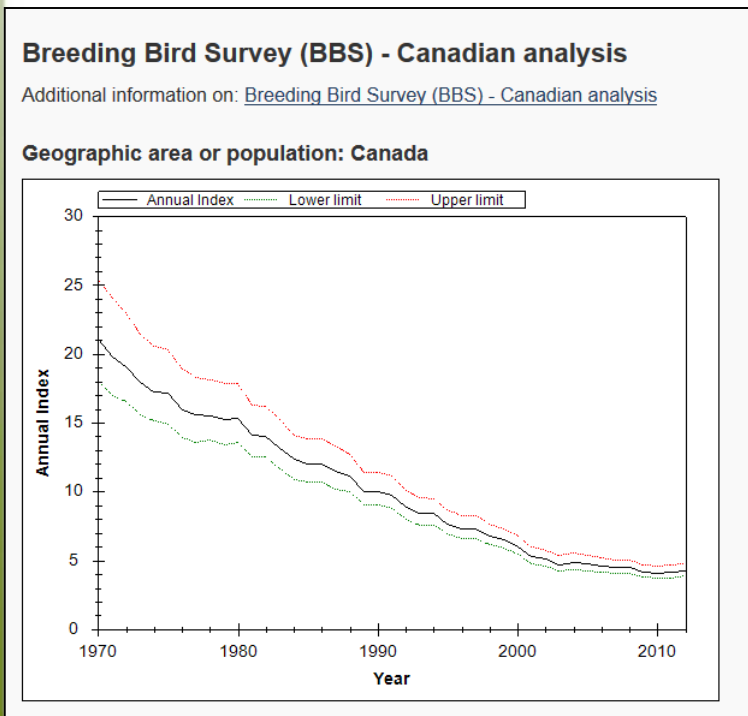


"Tranquil Waters – Canada Geese" from the 2017  
Canadian Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp series.  
Artist: Angela Lawrence, Thornhill, Ontario



# Status of Birds in Canada

- Website updated every 2-4 years summarizing the conservation status and population trends of every bird species in Canada using best data from many sources
- Next update planned for spring 2018



[←](#) [https://wildlife-species.canada.ca/bird-status/cosewu-bird-eng.aspx?Y=2014&sl=e&slid=](#)

# Barn Swallow (*Hirundo rustica*)


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## Migratory birds

- Status of Birds in Canada 2014 [Archived]
- Species accounts
- Introduction and methods
- Archive
- Summary statistics
- Related links
- Contact us

## Summary

Widespread and familiar, the Barn Swallow is closely associated with human habitation and now nests almost exclusively on human-made structures. It is well monitored in Canada by the Breeding Bird Survey, which shows a loss of some 80% of the population since 1970. This population decline has occurred throughout its range in Canada. Causes for the decline remain unclear. Because of this large decline, the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada assessed the Barn Swallow as Threatened in 2011 ([COSEWIC 2011a](#)). This species has been identified as a priority for conservation and/or stewardship in one or more [Bird Conservation Region Strategies](#) in Canada.



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## Designations

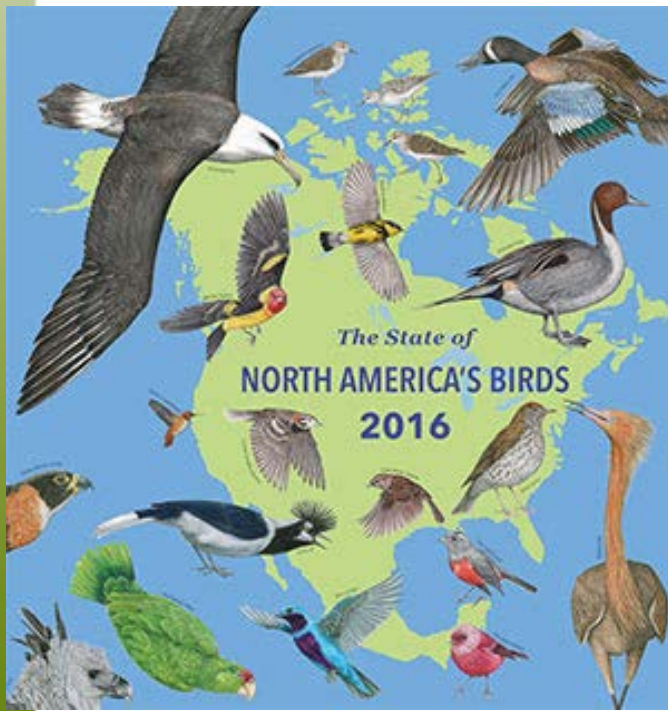
### Listing of the main designations for the species

Designation	Status	Date	Subspecies, population
<a href="#">COSEWIC (Canada)</a>	Threatened	2011	
<a href="#">SARA</a>	No Status		
<a href="#">IUCN (Global)</a>	Least Concern	2012	
<a href="#">Wildspecies (Canada)</a>	Secure	2010	
<a href="#">Bird Conservation Region Strategy</a>	Priority Species	2013	



# State of Canada's Birds 2019

- Following success of joint State of North America's Birds 2016, report, now updating analyses for a new State of Canada's Birds report. Aimed to highlight changes since 2012 report.
- Will be released in spring 2019 by NABCI Canada.



# Trilateral Vision for next 100 years

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- Vision launched on December 7, 2016 at the Canadian Embassy in Washington, DC
- 2017 Spring Trilateral: endorsement of the Vision by MB Table and Executive Table
- NABCI is responsible for promoting and advancing the Vision in each three countries
- NABCI-Canada Council endorsement in spring 2017 – continued role in action planning
- All 3 NABCI Coordinators met in February 2018 to discuss tri-national collaboration at US NABCI International Subcommittee
- North America's involvement in the Americas' Flyways Framework will be discussed at the Trilateral Migratory Birds' Table with the aim to expand the Vision throughout the Western Hemisphere
- Each country has been tasked with developing short-term (~2yrs) and medium-term (~10yrs) action plans for implementation (due by 2018 Trilateral):
  - Establishment of a Working Group with key players to develop the APs
  - Review of existing domestic partnerships and initiatives that currently contribute to implementing the Vision
  - Identify gaps for successful implementation of the Vision and develop a strategy to fill those gaps



# NABCI-Canada Roles and Emerging Priorities

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- **Coordinate**
  - Collaborate with habitat conservation partnerships (such as Joint Ventures) for effective all-bird conservation.
  - Ensure dynamic partnerships to actively implement bird conservation at multiple scales across Canada.
- **Communicate**
  - Coordinate the periodic production of the State of the Birds reports (Canada and North America).
  - Using various communications platforms, showcase success stories, best practices and interesting pilot projects that demonstrate progress especially for bird groups at high risk (e.g., grassland birds, shorebirds, seabirds and aerial insectivores).



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- Track bird conservation
  - Advocate for a national habitat monitoring system to support adaptive management of bird conservation.
  - Coordinate the development of a comprehensive tracking system of bird conservation action in Canada that supports progress reporting and adaptive management.
- Influence policy
  - Assist cooperation on migratory bird conservation across the Western Hemisphere through existing, or by creating new, international agreements.
  - Successfully influence invasive species policies and best practices for wetlands, grasslands and islands/seabirds.

# MBR Modernization Amendments

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- Key objective of MBR “modernization” effort
  1. Updating references to Aboriginal people,
  2. Improving the management of hunting,
- Current Status
  - (Pre-consultation efforts with major stakeholders interested in the amendments related to hunting and language dealing with Aboriginal issues occurred in 2013-2014; consultation of baiting held in winter 2017 – results still being discussed)
  - Currently working on a draft Order of the new Regulations
  - Anticipate “modernized” regulations to be in place in 2019 (given timelines associated with regulatory process)

# 2017 Migratory Game Bird Hunting (MGBH) Permits

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- Sales of e-permits up from last year
  - As of March 13, 2018 ECCC sold 48,240 e-permits for the 2017 hunting season, compared to 28,314 for entire 2016 hunting season
- Technical difficulties did not allow the online system to go live on August 1, 2017 as planned (live on August 31, 2017 instead). In an attempt to alleviate the situation, ECCC:
  - re-instated 11 independent vendors of physical,
  - provided additional physical permits to Canada Post,
  - worked with contractor for e-permitting system, and
  - re-assigned staff to answer the phones and assist hunters.
- To mitigate the situation for the 2018 hunting season, ECCC is working closely with the current contractor to address issues.
- ECCC is also preparing a request for proposal to solicit bids to put in place an e-permitting system for August 2019.

# Permit and Stamp Service Fee Proposal – Overview

- ECCC is proposing to increase the services fees to **both** the Conservation Stamp and MGBH Permit at the same rate and timeline below:
  - \$2.00@ in 2019-20
  - \$2.00@ in 2020-21, and
  - \$1.50@ in 2021-22 for a

} combined Stamp and Permit cost of \$28.00 by 2021 (from current combined \$17 price)
- Fees not increased for Stamp or Permit since 1991 and 1998, respectively
- Increased fees used to support conservation efforts through Wildlife Habitat Canada (Stamp) and program cost recovery for waterfowl surveys, harvest survey, permitting, etc. (Permit)
- Public Consultation from February 22 - March 21, 2018
  - Solicited input from National and Provincial/Territorial Hunting and Angling organizations, Provinces and Territories, and Hunters
  - Proposal available online at <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/migratory-game-bird-hunting/permit/proposed-service-fees.html>

# Permit and Stamp Service Fee Proposal – Next Steps

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- Proposal will be reviewed and revised based on feedback received from recent public consultation.
- Should the Minister decide to proceed with a formal proposal to change the service fees
  - Proposed regulatory amendments published in the Canada Gazette, Part I for an additional public consultation period (likely fall 2018)
  - Feedback would be carefully reviewed and considered
  - Proposal finalized for publication in the Canada Gazette, Part II, (likely spring 2019)
  - New service fees applied for 2019 Hunting season (starting in August)

# Biennial Hunting Regulations

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- Hunting regulations in Canada are amended on a biennial basis (every two years):
- Three regulatory reports are produced concerning:
  - i) population status of migratory birds in Canada (November Report);
  - ii) proposed amendments to the hunting regulations (December Report);
  - iii) hunting amendments related to hunting regulations that were approved for the next two hunting seasons (July Report).
- Regulatory proposals described in the July Report 2016 remain in effect through winter/spring 2018 inclusively.
- The next round of hunting amendments will come into force in summer 2018 through to winter/spring 2020 inclusively.



# SARA – Birds currently Listed

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- SARA Schedule 1 – total birds currently listed (migratory and non-migratory combined): 83 wildlife species, (54 species, 22 subspecies and 7 populations)
  - 24 SC (18 MBCA)
  - 28 TH (23 MBCA)
  - 29 EN (24 MBCA)
  - 2 Extirpated

# SARA – Birds added to the List

- In 2017, 11 birds were added to the List under the federal *Species at Risk Act*

Species	SARA Status on the List
Bank Swallow	Threatened
Barn Swallow	Threatened
Bobolink	Threatened
Eastern Meadowlark	Threatened
Wood Thrush	Threatened
Baird's Sparrow	Special Concern
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Special Concern
Eastern Wood-pewee	Special Concern
Grasshopper Sparrow, <i>pratensis</i> subspecies	Special Concern
Horned Grebe (Western population)	Special Concern
Western Grebe	Special Concern

# Questions?

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