

THE NORTH AMERICAN WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT PLAN

NAWMP



What is NAWMP?

The North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP) is an international partnership that works to sustain waterfowl by conserving and restoring wetlands and other habitats. By conserving these habitats, NAWMP also delivers broader benefits to the land, water, wildlife and people across North America.

In 1986, the Canadian and U.S. governments signed this partnership agreement, laying the foundation for international conservation, with Mexico becoming a formal partner in 1994.

Today, the NAWMP partnership continues to work across North America at international, national, regional and local levels on a wide array of waterfowl and habitat management projects.



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Achievements

1986 to 2023

**9.5 million
hectares
of wetland
habitat
protected**

**4.1 million
hectares
of wetland
habitat
restored**



Organizational Structure

While NAWMP is international in scope, it is put into action regionally and locally. In Canada, NAWMP partners work with Joint Venture partnerships that focus the efforts of many organizations on areas or species of conservation concern.

Each Joint Venture includes a range of partners, from federal, provincial and local governments to conservation organizations. Strategic and Implementation Plans, developed based on the NAWMP's goals as well as on pressures specific to the Joint Ventures, form the basis of each Joint Venture's programs and individual projects.

There are four Habitat Joint Ventures in Canada:

- Pacific Birds Habitat Joint Venture
- Canadian Intermountain Joint Venture
- Prairie Habitat Joint Venture (Prairie Parkland and Western Boreal Forest)
- Eastern Habitat Joint Venture.

In addition, there are three species-specific joint ventures that address the needs of the black duck, Arctic geese and sea ducks.

For more information please visit:
[NAWMP Canada](#) and [Habitat Joint Ventures](#)



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Why NAWMP's work is critical

While NAWMP has made major strides to conserve wetlands, waterfowl and other wildlife, the loss of habitat continues through agricultural development, urbanization, climate change and industrial activities.

Conserving wetlands is vital to protecting waterfowl and other wetland dependent species, and is also directly important to people. Wetlands provide many benefits such as filtering water to keep it clean and safe for drinking, moderate impacts of drought and flooding, store carbon, and provide areas for traditional use and recreation.

