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# Conservation Connections

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The Edmonton and Area Land Trust (EALT) is a non-profit conservancy for the Edmonton Region.

## **EALT Expands the Area Protected at Ministik Bird Sanctuary**



*One of the many wetlands, and old growth Aspen at Ministik*

Thanks to a generous EcoGift donor and the hard work of the EALT staff, we have acquired a beautiful quarter section of land adjacent to Ministik Bird Sanctuary, an International Bird Area, thus expanding this "island" of protection. The property is typical knob and kettle topography, covered in lush deciduous forests and sedge-filled wetlands, and provides habitat for many songbirds, waterfowl, ungulates and other wildlife. During our visit there this summer we were lucky enough to see both a moose and a young Great-horned Owl.



*Great-horned owl spotted on EALT's Ministik Property  
(Photo by Ashley Hillman)*

We are only beginning our research for the property. As we do the inventory work, we'll be able to identify all the plants and animals which on our lands. **We welcome all volunteers interested in this work.**

## **Wildbird General Store wins \$1,000 for EALT from Alberta Ecotrust Facebook Contest**

This June, Alberta Ecotrust held a contest on their new facebook page. Anyone who "liked" their page between June 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> was entered to win \$1,000 towards their favorite charity. Out of all the entries, the Wildbird General Store was the lucky winner and they chose us as their favorite charity! Many thanks! You can read the story on our website:

<http://ealt.ca/news/2011/jul/08/wildbird-general-store-and-alberta-ecotrust-donate/>



*Pam Wight and Marg Reine with Caroline Lecourtois and Jayne Carr of The Wildbird General Store*

## **Stewarding Activities at Glory Hills**



*A beautiful day at our Glory Hills Property*





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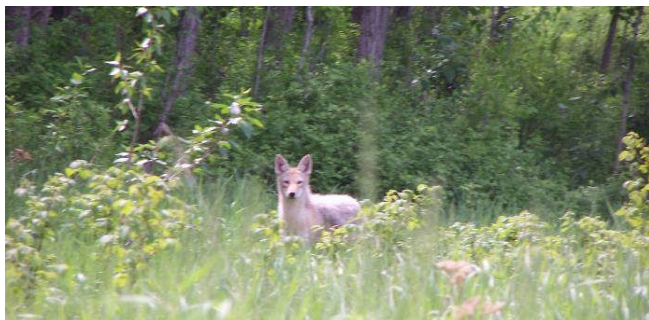
*An active beaver lodge at Glory Hills*



*Agrimony flower growing in the sunshine at Glory Hills*

We are now well into the summer field season at EALT. Much of our time has been spent at the Glory Hills Property, which we acquired this past winter.

Many interesting wildlife were seen and heard, including a coyote with her pup, robin fledglings, hummingbirds, beavers, an aggressive quail and her chicks, and a breeding pair of loons.



*A close encounter with the local coyote at the Glory Hills*

For those who'd like to hear this coyote, go to EALT's Facebook page & listen to the video – creepy but neat!  
<http://www.facebook.com/#!/video/video.php?v=10150648038605263&oid=206657244604&comments>

## An Active Season for EALT Field Volunteers!



*Volunteers in tall grass and taking photos records*



*Volunteers having lunch and identifying plants*

**Penn West Donates for Volunteer Materials**

# PennWest Exploration

Many thanks to Penn West Exploration for funds to help us develop an orientation package for volunteers!

## Website Volunteering

We hope to revamp EALT's website over the next year. A first step was re-organising EALT news archives by topic, rather than by date. Now you can check out your topics of interest much more easily. A big "thankyou" to volunteer **Fariba Asadi** for all her time!

