



# Conservation Connections

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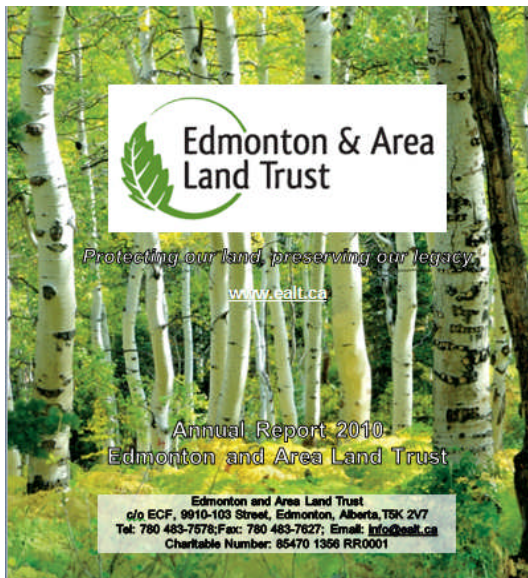
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### Fall 2010 Fundraising Campaign a Success

This past fall, EALT launched a fundraising campaign designed to not only raise funds for our organization, but also to raise awareness in the community about our organization and the important work we do in conservation. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our supporters for all of your kind and valued contributions, whether in time or funds. We plan on holding another campaign this year and hope to be even more successful so we can continue and improve our conservation of this amazing area! Please let us know if you'd be interested in being on our recruitment Task Force.

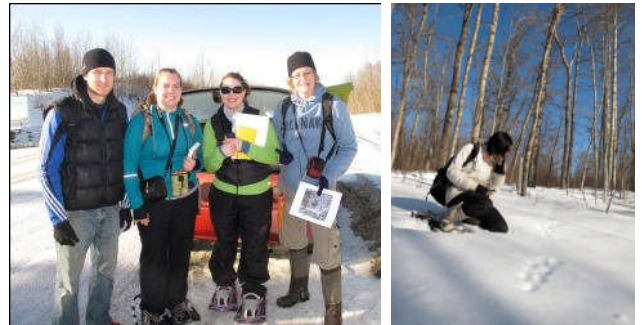
### EALT's 2010 Annual Report Available

EALT has released its annual report for 2010. This report contains a special description of our exciting land securements, programs and activities. We also take the opportunity to thank our brilliant volunteers, donors and supporters.



It can be viewed on our website resources page or by linking to:  
[http://www.ealt.ca/media/uploads/EALT\\_ANNUAL\\_REPORT\\_2010.pdf](http://www.ealt.ca/media/uploads/EALT_ANNUAL_REPORT_2010.pdf)

### Wildlife Tracking Day in the Glory Hills



Volunteers and staff at Wildlife Tracking Day  
(photos by Josephine Wong)

On February 13, 2011 EALT staff and volunteers headed out to the Glory Hills to document wildlife tracks on one of our properties. The day was beautiful and sunny as you can see by the photos. We spent our day trekking through the forest as well as stumbling through waist deep snow! But it was incredible fun, and several wildlife species were documented, e.g., snowshoe hare, red squirrel, and coyote. We also observed many winter bird species, e.g., three species of woodpecker, white-breasted nuthatch and ruffed grouse.



**Coyote**

**Snowshoe hare**

Photos of tracks observed during Wildlife Tracking Day  
(photos by Ashley Hillman) For more photos, see EALT's Facebook page





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## EALT works with King's University College Environmental Students at Larch Sanctuary



*Morgan Traverse speaks to King's students at Larch Sanctuary. The "Top of Bank Trail" at Larch Sanctuary*

EALT was delighted to work with fourth year environmental students at The King's University College. The students developed an interpretive sign concept and design for Larch Sanctuary. Larch Sanctuary is located south of the confluence of the Whitemud and the Blackmud Creeks and has a Conservation Easement pending with EALT. Students prepared a report and presentation for EALT, suggesting interpretive sign locations, materials and design, to best benefit public users of the trails on and around the property. Staff and Board have been active in taking students on educational trips to Larch Lands.

## Biodiversity Week Kick-off Event at City Hall

The City Master Naturalists invited EALT to host an information booth and answer questions on May 14<sup>th</sup>.



*Angela Hobson and Grant Pearsell of the City's Natural Areas, present the a biodiversity Award to Marg Reine, EALT's Chair. A multi-cultural choir in the background was an inspired choice of entertainment for this celebration of diversity*

The Biodiversity celebration was free to the public, who asked questions, took literature and information, and enjoyed the Children's Biodiversity Art submissions.



EALT had nominated Marg Reine, our Chair, for the first City *Wild Lily of the Valley Award*, and were most gratified when she won this for her significant contributions to protect and steward Edmonton's natural areas and biodiversity. Here she is shown with staffer Morgan.

## Golden Ranches Conservation Project Update

All habitat lands of the Golden Ranches have now been acquired by EALT and the conservation partners. This is a very exciting time for us, and management planning has begun. The Ranch will soon be equipped with signs to indicate which lands are now held for conservation. Once these signs are up, it will be open for public foot access.

Last fall, Ducks Unlimited Canada built plugs in drained wetlands on EALT lands, with the intent that they fill up again naturally. With the high amount of snow this winter, we hope these newly restored wetlands will start to function and create valuable wildlife habitat.



*Building a dirt plug on a drained wetland on the Golden Ranches; and a completed plug*

## Working to Secure Lands Near Ministik

EALT's current efforts are working hard to secure land near Ministik Lake Migratory Game Bird Sanctuary.

