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Culture-Conservation-Connection Launched



Randy Hayashi: Below Rio Terrace

EALT is proud to announce that we have launched our **Virtual Art Gallery**. Check what it represents: <http://www.ealt.ca/culture-connection/>

September Field Activities



Volunteers performing flora surveys at Hicks

It was a beautiful fall in the Edmonton area and EALT took full advantage of the pleasant weather. The last visit of the summer to the Hicks property took place in September and despite the foggy, wet weather was exceedingly enjoyable for all staff and volunteers involved. Several preliminary assessments were performed by staff and volunteers at potential properties. These visits took place, for the most part, on sunny days and it is always an adventure to explore a new property. For more photographs of our field activities see our facebook page!

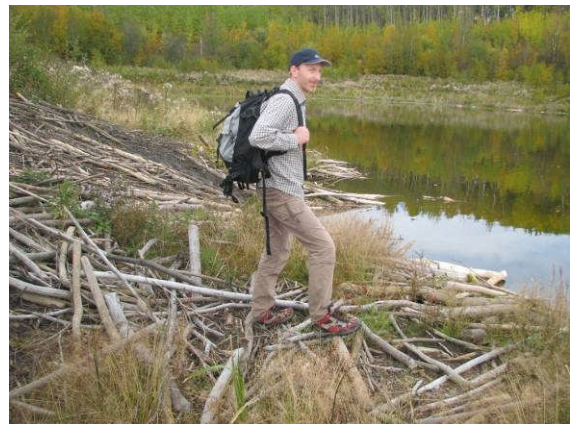
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Alberta Ecotrust Awards Major Project Grant



EALT is delighted to have been awarded a grant to assist with the acquisition of a dry mixedwood area in the Glory Hills, a transition zone between Boreal and Parkland ecosystems. Alberta Ecotrust describes this grant at: <http://www.albertaecotrust.com/node/324>

The area is a provincial Environmentally Significant Area, yet ESAs don't have protection policies. EALT will be able to steward and contribute to the protection of pothole wetlands within the uplands. Further information about our Glory Hills project can be found at: <http://bit.ly/dSVPu9>



Volunteer exploring a beaver lodge at Glory Hills property

YMCA Peace Medal Nomination



The Board of EALT was nominated for a YMCA Peace Medal Award, and is honoured by this nomination, which speaks to so many volunteers that support our organization in various different ways.





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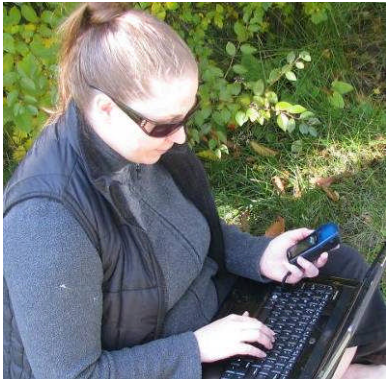
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Norcross Wildlife Foundation Grant to EALT



The Norcross Wildlife Foundation awarded a technology grant to EALT, which makes a tremendous difference to Morgan Traverse, our Project Coordinator. Now she has a laptop, giving a portable work station, and a GPS. Both are invaluable for her work in the field. Enjoy!



Morgan Traverse using the new laptop and GPS

Ghost Bird Support – Thankyou!

We'd like to thank all those who turned out to support EALT and see and hear about the Ivory Billed Woodpecker – the Ghost Bird. Despite technical difficulties with the DVD, Professor Jim Butler really informed and entertained everyone with first hand accounts of seeking the Ghost Bird himself, assisting others, and philosophizing about the need to protect spaces which are the homes to such endangered species. Many attendees commented on how much they enjoyed the evening. Very many thanks indeed!



EALT Partnering with DUC to Restore Wetlands



EALT has entered into an agreement with DUC on the 3 quarter sections we secured at Golden Ranches earlier this year. The purpose of this project is to maintain and improve restored and retained wetlands as habitat for wildlife and waterfowl.



Bufflehead with eight ducklings

Larch Park Groundbreaking

The Poole family are noted philanthropists and visionaries in the community. They purchased land along the Whitemud Creek decades ago. The Pooles and Melcor Developments intend a “green” development – the creeklands and a precious oxbow lake to be stewarded by EALT, and the lands above the slope to be a model “green” community, Larch Park. Graham Hicks describes this in the *Country within our City*: <http://bit.ly/ez1YEY>

This fall, a groundbreaking ceremony was held at Larch Park, with federal, provincial and municipal politicians speaking, and a larch tree-planting ceremony, where EALT participated. <http://bit.ly/f3wKTn>



Peter Poole



Mayor Stephen Mandel

Consider supporting EALT so we can continue our conservation and stewardship activities. Check <http://www.ealt.ca/act/> to find out how – **advise, volunteer, or donate!**

