



# Saskatoon Nature Society Newsletter

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## October Meeting

### The Conservation Land Trust: One Man's Dream to Restore Ecological Balance in Argentina and Chile

Leslie Tuckek

7:30 PM Thursday, October 18  
Room 106, Biology Bldg., U. of S. campus

Leslie Tuckek graduated from the Ecological Education Program at U of S and, since 2003, has led eco-based tours in such places as Churchill (MB), Newfoundland, Cuba and more recently in Argentina. At home in Christopher Lake, Leslie is the Emergency Measures Coordinator for her District and is a volunteer with the Wildlife Rehabilitation Society. She also enjoys playing with mud.



On her travels in Argentina Leslie has developed an admiration for the unique environmental reformation driven by a man with a vision. Douglas Tompkins (co-founder of 'The North Face' outdoor products and clothing, and 'Esprit' clothing company) left the world of commerce to create a legacy of environmental change and protection. After the purchase and conservation of more than 2 million acres of Chile and Argentina, Tompkins focused on park creation, wildlife recovery, ecological agriculture and activism. This presentation will tell of a rich

American striving to create economic prosperity through sustainable land use. This is the inspiring story of Tompkins, his wife Kristine McDivitt-Tompkins and The Tompkins Conservation organization.

## Field Trips

Everyone is welcome to participate in any field trip. Bring your friends. Carpooling for out-of-town trips is arranged at the meeting place; there is no charge other than to share gasoline costs. Phone the trip leader if you have any questions. Participants are free to depart early if they wish. Members with FRS radios should bring them on out of town trips. For last minute changes or cancellations and to download checklists, visit

[www.saskatoonnaturesociety.sk.ca](http://www.saskatoonnaturesociety.sk.ca) or  
[www.facebook.com/SaskatoonNatureSociety/](http://www.facebook.com/SaskatoonNatureSociety/)  
Bus Information: 306-975-3100.

Many of our trip destinations are described in the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of "A Guide to Nature Viewing Sites in and around Saskatoon" available from

[www.saskatoonnaturesociety.sk.ca/books/nature\\_viewing\\_sites.html](http://www.saskatoonnaturesociety.sk.ca/books/nature_viewing_sites.html).

### Saturday, September 29, 9:00 am – Noon. Gabriel Dumont Park Bird Walk

We will walk the MVA trail towards Diefenbaker park. Bring your binoculars and suitable clothing for the weather.

**Meet:** at the Gabriel Dumont parking lot off Saskatchewan Crescent.

<https://goo.gl/maps/qEnnCivv7Yo>

**Bus:** Route 1 Exhibition departs downtown terminal at 8:31 am and arrives at Taylor and Herman Avenue about 8:45 am. Walk north to park along Saskatchewan Crescent.

**Leader:** Robert Johanson (306-653-2610)

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## President's Message

We just returned from Nature Saskatchewan's Fall Meet in Swift Current, hosted by the Southwest Naturalists. Conservation of the native grasslands was the overall theme. Graham Saul, Executive Director of Nature Canada, gave a brief talk on Friday evening about Nature Canada. On Saturday we toured the Matador Community Pasture, the Beechy Hutterite colony, and viewed the beautiful sand castle formations along Lake Diefenbaker. At the Matador Community Pasture we learned about the history of the pasture, how it is managed, and the challenges as it transitions from provincial control to patron (user) control. The land will continue to be crown-owned as it is considered land of high ecological value. The evening concluded with a presentation by Trevor Herriot and Branimir Gjetvaj on their recent book, "Islands of Grass".

At each Fall Meet, Nature Saskatchewan recognizes Society members and/or affiliate and partner organizations in several categories of awards. The conservation award this year was given to Stuart Houston, Frank Roy and Alan Smith for their monumental efforts on the book, "Birds of Saskatchewan", targeted for publication in late February or March, 2019. Greg Fenty and Joan Feather were named Fellows of Nature Saskatchewan. Congratulations to SNS members; Stuart, Frank, Joan and Greg.

Around the middle of October expect to see some information for pre-orders of "Birds of Saskatchewan". Information about the pre-orders will be available online at Nature Saskatchewan's website. SNS will receive some marketing material for distribution and we will facilitate distribution of the pre-ordered copies. Those ordering in advance will receive a discount on the purchase price.

At the request of Nature Saskatchewan SNS will take on the caretaking responsibilities for two Important Bird Areas (IBAs); Porter Lake and Ponass Lake. Ponass Lake is part of the Quill Lakes watershed and

is designated as a Heritage Marsh. The field trip committee will be taking on this role, so expect to see regular field trips to both of these areas.

Another fall bird count has been completed and the results are being tabulated. Thank you to the more than thirty participants and the field trip committee who organized the count.

Valerie Martz

### Field Trips cont'd

#### Saturday, October 6, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Whooping Crane field trip

We will drive in search of any reported Whoopers within 100 km of the city. Bring a lunch, drinking water and warm clothing. Non-members may obtain a Saskatoon Nature Society membership good through 2019 from the trip leader for just \$20 (\$30 family).

**Meet** in Centre Mall parking lot south of Burger King BETWEEN Acadia and Moss on south side of 8<sup>th</sup> St. We will try to arrange car pools sharing gas cost.

<https://goo.gl/maps/rrb68Pa8zxN2>

**Bus:** Route 81 Centre Mall departs university terminal at 7:38 AM and arrives at Centre Mall terminal at 7:53 AM. Route 8 (84) 8<sup>th</sup> St departs downtown terminal at 7:16 AM and arrives at Centre Mall terminal at 7:35 AM. Walk to meeting location on north side of mall.

**Leader:** Michael Williams (306-242-5383).

#### Monday October 8, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM Woodlawn Cemetery Bird Walk

Work up an appetite for Thanksgiving dinner by strolling through Woodlawn Cemetery and visiting the weir. We'll look for late fall migrants and early-returning winter residents.

**Meet** at the Cemetery's gate, just off 33rd St, on Memorial Ave, west of Warman Road.

<https://goo.gl/maps/NSHg8PbGvdy>

**Bus:** Route 14 North Industrial departs downtown terminal at 9:01 AM and arrives at 33rd St and 1st

Ave about 9:10 AM. Walk east 2 short blocks to Memorial Avenue.

**Leader:** Michael Williams (306-242-5383).

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**Saturday, October 13, 1:30 - 3:30 PM**  
**Invasive Shrub removal from Saskatoon Natural Grassland**

The Saskatoon Nature Society is a steward of the Saskatoon Natural Grassland. To help meet our obligations, we plan to help remove invasive European Buckthorn and caragana from this grassland preserve. All equipment will be provided. Wear old clothes with long sleeves. We will hike the property at the end of our trip.

**Meet** at the park on Konihowski Road. Turn right off Central Avenue on Somers Road and drive 2 blocks.

<https://goo.gl/maps/GgCyuE6BGE22>

**Leader:** Renny Grilz (306-262-4970).

**Sunday, October 28, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM**  
**Blackstrap Lake Birding & Fall Supper**

We will drive to this lake ½ hour SE of the city to look for any rare migratory waterfowl. We have a chance of possibly finding arctic-nesting waterfowl such as Surf Scoter, Long-tailed Duck or Pacific Loon. You may optionally stay for the Dundurn Fall Supper after this trip.

**Meet** in Centre Mall parking lot south of Burger King BETWEEN Acadia and Moss on south side of 8<sup>th</sup> St. We will try to arrange car pools sharing gas cost.

<https://goo.gl/maps/rrb68Pa8zxN2>

**Bus:** Route 50 Lakeview departs U of S terminal at 12:25 PM and arrives at bus stop on 8th St adjacent to mall at about 12:40 PM. Route 8 (84) 8<sup>th</sup> St departs downtown terminal at 12:16 PM and arrives at Centre Mall terminal at 12:35 PM. Walk to meeting location on north side of mall.

**Leader:** John Patterson (306-249-0468)

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**Saturday, November 3, 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM**  
**Sanatorium Site Bird Walk**

We will walk through the former Sanatorium site portion of Holiday Park to look for early arriving winter songbirds. This park is one of five naturalized parks in the city which is managed to promote a diversity of wild birds and mammals.

**Meet** at the south end of Avenue K, adjacent to Bowerman House.

<https://goo.gl/maps/wniy6XzhVka2>

**Bus:** Route 9 Riversdale departs downtown terminal at 8:31 AM and arrives at Avenue K and Schuyler about 8:45 AM. Walk south one block along Ave. K.

**Leader:** Kyron Giroux (306-281-6996)

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**Sunday, November 11, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM**  
**Pike Lake birding**

We will look for winter visitors to the park. Wear warm clothing. The chickadees will gratefully accept donations of sunflower seeds.

**Meet** on the west side of the parking lot west of the Sports on Tap bar north of Western Development Museum. <https://goo.gl/maps/MyshGfcWzey>

**Bus:** Route 1 Exhibition departs downtown terminal at 12:31 PM and arrives on Lorne Avenue next to museum about 12:50 PM.

**Leader:** Hilda Noton (306-374-0674)

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**Sunday, November 25, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM**  
**Pre-Grey Cup birding at President Murray Park**

We will walk through this park looking for kinglets, creepers and crossbills in the spruce trees.

**Meet** just west of the corner of Wiggins Ave. and Colony St. <https://goo.gl/maps/2xoi9u1YnhM2>

**Bus:** Route 61 Blairmore/University departs downtown terminal at 1:31 PM and arrives at College and Munroe stop about 1:35. Walk 4 blocks south to the park and then walk to SE corner.

**Leader:** Andrew Elgin (306-250-2243).

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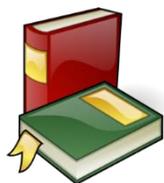


## Book Sale

**Prior to the October 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

**7:00- 7:30 pm**

**in front of Rm 106 Biology**



**Thanks to several of our members who  
have donated books on nature-related  
topics.**

## Golden Eagles

The Golden Eagles, a sub-group of Saskatoon Nature Society, invites retirees and partners who are interested in birds and the natural world to join our field trips. Participants should be members of the Saskatoon Nature Society and consider membership in Nature Saskatchewan, our provincial affiliate.

Bring lunch, drinks and chairs, unless otherwise noted. Members with CB or FRS radios should bring them on out-of-town trips.

Carpooling for out-of-town trips is usually arranged at the meeting place. Participants are expected to share gasoline costs and should make arrangements with the driver to do so. Unless indicated, there is no other charge. However, if a trip involves a guided tour of a facility, participants may be asked to make a donation to the facility.

Participants can depart early, if they wish. Phone trip leader if you have any questions. Dress for the weather.

**Unless otherwise arranged, we meet at Churchill Shopping Center, Taylor St. & Clarence Ave.**

**Thursday, September 27, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Cranberry Flats trails**

Leader: Hilda Noton (306-374-0674).

Lunch at Dakota Dunes golf club.

If you plan to do lunch, please contact Hilda by Monday, Sept. 24.

**Thursday, October 4, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Whooping Cranes**

Location TBA

Leader: Michael Williams (306-242-5383)

**Thursday, October 11, 9:00 a.m.**  
**Fall migration, details to follow.**

Leaders: Audrey & Bill MacKenzie (306-373-2872).

**Thursday, October 18 , 9:00 a.m.**  
**Goose migration south of Delisle**

Leader: Bob Girvan (306-493-2686).

**Thursday, October 25, 5:00 p.m.**  
**Turkey Supper at Queen's House, 601 Taylor St. West.**

Cost \$20 (cash please) includes dessert, beverage, tax and use of AV equipment. **A tip is welcome.**

Share interesting sightings and photos. Please put photos on a thumb drive.

RSVP to Bill or Audrey MacKenzie (306-373-2872) by Monday, Oct. 22.

## Seeking a Volunteer

We are seeking a SNS member who would be willing to take over as website editor. Familiarity with the WordPress platform is highly desirable. Please contact Valerie Martz at:

president@saskatoonnaturesociety.sk.ca or Branimir Gjetvaj at branimir.g@whatasite.com for more information.

Thank you to Branimir for his many years as our website editor. He has now asked that we find someone to replace him in this role.

## Nature Society Display at Reflections of Nature

The Reflections of Nature Art Show & Sale showcases over 500 pieces of art from around 200 North American artists, carvers, sculptors and photographers who enjoy expressing their love of nature through their art. The show encompasses all ages and skill levels. This all happens at Prairieland Park, (Hall C) on the weekend of October 26 - 28. The Saskatoon Nature Society will attend Reflections of Nature with our display booth to promote our Society and our publications. We need volunteers to staff our display booth and interact with visitors to tell them about the Saskatoon Nature Society on Saturday, October 27 between 9:00 and 5:00 and on Sunday, October 28 between 9:00 and 4:00. If you would like to volunteer (and have not already signed up), please e-mail [greg.fenty@gmail.com](mailto:greg.fenty@gmail.com)

One of the perks of volunteering is free admission to Reflections. Otherwise you will need to pay the \$5.00 admission fee. It is a great show which includes presentations, workshops and demonstrations.

There is also a special Gala Opening Wine & Cheese on Friday evening where the public can meet the artists during the live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$22.00. For more information visit: <http://reflections-art.blogspot.com/>

## Announcements

Please consider switching from a paper copy of the SNS newsletter to an electronic copy. You can create a folder in your email system to save your back issues of the newsletters. You will help us save on paper, stamps, and volunteer time and you will get information more quickly and get pictures in color.

**Please contact** Claire Bullaro (c.bear@sasktel.net) with your current email address to switch.

Thank you.

## Young Naturalists

The Young Naturalists is all about nature activities for kids and their families. Each program offers interesting activities geared for children aged 5 to 11 years. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Enrolment is limited on most programs and often programs fill up over a month in advance, so register early. To register or for more information e-mail [saskatoonnaturekids@gmail.com](mailto:saskatoonnaturekids@gmail.com). Visit the Young Naturalists' website for detailed information about the upcoming programs or to check out our monthly NatureKids newsletter at [www.saskatoonzoosociety.ca/programs/young-naturalists/](http://www.saskatoonzoosociety.ca/programs/young-naturalists/)

### Upcoming Young Naturalists Programs:

Saw-whet Owl Field Trip

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

(Actual date to be determined by the owls)

Bird Feeder Workshop

Saturday, November 3, 2018



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[www.SaskatoonNatureSociety.sk.ca](http://www.SaskatoonNatureSociety.sk.ca)

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## Newsletter

The deadline for the November Newsletter is October 17. Please send any announcements or articles to Kathy Meeres. email: [godmee@sasktel.net](mailto:godmee@sasktel.net) phone: 306-343-8590. The publisher would appreciate if articles are complete and submitted electronically.



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The board of directors meets about once a month, usually in the week before the monthly meeting. If you wish to bring an item to the attention of the board, please contact the president

## OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 GE: Whooping Cranes	5	6 Whooping Cranes
7	8 Woodlawn Cemetery Birding	9	10	11 GE: Fall Migration	12	13 Invasive Shrub Removal S'toon Natural Grassland
14	15	16	17 YN: Saw-whet Owls Date tentative	18 Oct. meeting GE: Goose Migration	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 GE: Turkey Supper	26	27
28 Blackstrap Birding and Fall Supper	29	30	31			

## NOVEMBER

				1	2	3 Sanatorium Site Bird Walk YN: Bird Feeder Workshop
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Pike Lake Birding	12	13	14	15 Nov. meeting	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 President Murray Park Birding	26	27	28	29	30	

**Membership Renewals:** All SNS memberships expire on December 31; failure to renew by then may interrupt delivery of your *Newsletter*. Check the upper right corner of your mailing label to see the year your membership expires. New memberships paid after July 1 will continue through the following year. Donations qualify for a tax receipt. Mail in your completed form or bring it to the next meeting.

## *Membership in the Saskatoon Nature Society*

The Saskatoon Nature Society publishes ten newsletters per year informing members of field trips and other activities. Except in the summer, monthly meetings present speakers on a wide range of nature related topics.

Please check:                     Renewal                     New Member                     Change of address  
 Membership Category:         Individual \$20/yr         Family \$30/yr                 Junior (<19yrs) \$5/yr

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) (please print neatly): \_\_\_\_\_

(Names/Ages of Children): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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**I would like to receive the SNS Newsletter electronically via email at the above address.** You will help the Society save on postage and printing costs.

Membership fee ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ /yr x \_\_\_\_\_ year(s) (one to five) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation (designate a fund if desired)

Kids in Nature         Conservation and Education         Nature Capital         General Fund

One-time donation: ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly donation:..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ /month

For a monthly donation, either (a) attach a cheque marked "VOID" and we will send you a Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) form to be completed and returned to start the process, or (b) download the PAD form from our website (SaskatoonNatureSociety.sk.ca), complete the form and attach a cheque marked "VOID" and mail to the address below.

Option: Membership in Nature Saskatchewan (see below) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL (please make your cheque payable to Saskatoon Nature Society)..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Treasurer, Saskatoon Nature Society, Box 448, RPO University, Saskatoon, SK S7N 4J8 or  
**payment may be made by e-transfer to Treasurer: treasurer@saskatoonnaturesociety.sk.ca**

## *Membership in Nature Saskatchewan*

The Saskatoon Nature Society is affiliated with the provincial society, Nature Saskatchewan, but membership is separate and the fee schedule is different. Renewing your provincial membership through SNS earns us a \$2 commission. Nature Saskatchewan is a strong advocate for conservation and education in the province. Benefits of membership include the quarterly journal *Blue Jay*, and spring and fall meets at various locations in the province. More information is available on their web site: www.naturesask.ca. **Note: multi-year Nature Saskatchewan memberships are no longer available.**

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Family	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45	<input type="checkbox"/> New Member
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	
Senior (>64yrs)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
Foreign	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60	
Organization	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60	