

Nature Regina Volunteer Positions

In existence since 1933, **Nature Regina's Mission** is to foster a greater appreciation of all aspects of the natural environment through presentations, field trips, education programs and environmental advocacy.

Field Trips:

Under the direction of the Director of Field Trips, volunteers would assist with planning and leading nature outings such as birdwatching and exploring our natural environment. Outings range in length from two hours to full days depending on the location and event.

- a) **fieldtrip leaders** – we already have a great cast of characters in this regard but could always use more. Your job is to pick a date and a place that you'd like to lead a fieldtrip to – this could be a birding spot, a great native plant spot, or any other outing you think would be of interest to our membership – then do a write up describing your fieldtrip (we can provide a template) so our publicity person can promote it.
- b) **fieldtrip assistants** – your job will be to handle some logistics the day of the fieldtrip, e.g. introductions, getting the participants to sign in, assigning someone to record plants, birds or other depending on the nature of the trip, making any necessary announcements and then you enjoy the fieldtrip the same as any other participant. If you're already coming on fieldtrips this is the perfect job for you.
- c) **publicity** – working with a contact list already in existence, your job will be to promote the event using a variety of methods, including Facebook.
- d) **coordinator** – maintains a list of, and contact with, the fieldtrip leaders and assistants. You'll also be the support person that offers advice and mentoring to our Fieldtrip & Outing team.

Nature in the Community:

As a volunteer with Nature Regina, you can be part of various activities such as:

- clean up and enhancement of nature park and other public areas in and around Regina
- coordinate and participate in nature festivals
- assist with BioBlitzes (an event that focuses on finding and identifying as many species as possible in a specific area over a short period of time)
- assist teachers and other educators by conducting nature interpretive activities
- assist the Royal Saskatchewan Museum with nature-oriented programs such as monarch butterfly rearing and release

These activities are advertised from time to time on our website: natureregina.ca

Hidden Valley Sanctuary Committee:

The Society is the registered owner of one-half section of land along the Qu'Appelle Valley called Hidden Valley Sanctuary. The purpose of the Sanctuary is to preserve and protect the wild flora and fauna and the natural environment of the area in its natural state as representative of the surrounding natural environment. A Sanctuary Director oversees a Sanctuary Committee whose job is to preserve and interpret natural processes and ecological functions of the surrounding landscape for the benefit of members of Nature Regina and the general public.

Native Plant Garden:

Since 1994 Nature Regina and the Royal Saskatchewan Museum have nurtured the native plant garden, a colourful oasis of natural beauty. From spring through fall, volunteers meet weekly to weed and maintain the garden and attend to the bird feeders. We welcome novice and experienced gardeners.

Christmas Bird Counts:

Christmas Bird Counts are bird population surveys conducted throughout North America in late December and early January under the auspices of the Audubon Society. Nature Regina participates in the Regina, Craven and Balgonie counts.

On the count day volunteers fan out across the count area to identify as many birds and mammals as they can. As volunteers usually go out in groups and each group is led by someone with strong bird identification skills, so even someone that doesn't know birds well can prove to be a valuable spotter. However, ability to identify the 30-40 species likely found in Regina over the winter is an asset. These counts start in the morning around 8am and often finish in the late afternoon between 3:30-5:00 pm, although it is also possible to come out for a portion of the day.

Board Member:

Become a member of Nature Regina and serve on our volunteer Board of Directors. **Nature Regina's Board of Directors** is elected each year at the Annual General Meeting in May. Executive positions are elected directly (president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer). Other directors are elected in-general, and board tasks are then divided amongst members by mutual agreement. (Board members must be 18 years of age or older).