

STALWART NATIONAL WILDLIFE AREA



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What makes Stalwart NWA so special?

Located west of Last Mountain Lake, Saskatchewan, Stalwart National Wildlife Area (NWA) encompasses over 1525 hectares of wetland habitat and gently rolling grasslands. Its 600 hectares of wetlands are an important breeding and migratory staging area for marsh wildlife, especially waterfowl and shorebirds; over 115 bird species have been observed here. Established in 1969, Environment and Climate Change Canada partnered with Ducks Unlimited Canada to manage water levels in the wetland complex.

Stalwart NWA provides:

- a resting and feeding area during migration for waterfowl such as **Tundra Swans** and shorebirds such as **Dowitchers**;
- excellent breeding habitat for species that

depend on wetlands such as **ducks, geese, terns, rails, grebes, American Coots** and **Marsh Wrens**;

- suitable nesting habitat for many grassland **songbirds**;
- good habitat for amphibians including the **Western Tiger Salamander**.

What are Environment and Climate Change Canada Protected Areas?

Environment and Climate Change Canada establishes marine and terrestrial NWAs for the purposes of conservation, research and interpretation. NWAs are established to protect migratory birds, species at risk, and other wildlife and their habitats. NWAs are established

under the authority of the *Canada Wildlife Act* and are, first and foremost, places for wildlife. Migratory Bird Sanctuaries (MBSs) are established under the authority of the *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994*, and provide a refuge for migratory birds in marine and terrestrial environments. The current Protected Areas Network consists of 54 NWAs and 92 MBSs comprising more than 12 million hectares across Canada.

What can I do at Stalwart NWA?

Access to Stalwart NWA for activities such as bird watching, photography or nature study is permitted. Hunting, fishing and trapping are also allowed but are subject to provincial and/or federal regulations and conditions. More information on access and permitting for Stalwart NWA can be obtained by contacting the Environment and Climate Change Canada regional office.



Tundra Swans during migration



Blue-winged Teal

Who can I contact?

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Where is Stalwart NWA?

