

The Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan Partnership

2021-2022 Annual Report

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Introduction

The Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan (SK PCAP) Partnership brings together agencies and organizations representing producers, industry, provincial and federal governments, non-government organizations and research and educational institutions (the Partners). Together, the Partners establish a five-year Framework for collective action which provides the context for annual work planning.

The 2019-2023 Framework is built on the Partnership's Vision and three Goals:

Our Vision: Healthy native prairie ecosystems as vital parts of our vibrant and strong communities.

Our Ecosystem Goal: Native prairie ecosystem health and biodiversity are conserved and restored as part of a functioning landscape.

Our Economic Goal: Sustainable uses of native prairie improve the livelihoods of Saskatchewan people.

Our Cultural Goal: Native prairie is a valued part of our culture and identity as Saskatchewan people.

In the 2019-2023 Framework (https://www.pcap-sk.org/rsu_docs/documents/pcap-framework-2019-2023-web.pdf), the Partnership identified three strategic focus areas to prioritize actions. These are:

1. **Native Prairie Awareness and Appreciation**
2. **Responsible Land Use on Native Prairie**
3. **Native Prairie Ecosystem Management**

Executive Summary

The Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan (SK PCAP) celebrated its 23rd year in 2021-22. SK PCAP's goals and vision are enduring in an ever-changing landscape as diverse partners and stakeholders continue to come together to support prairie and species at risk conservation efforts in Saskatchewan.

This report summarizes the activities undertaken by SK PCAP in the 2021-22 implementation timeframe. Where applicable, these activities are reported to align within the 2019-2023 Framework and work towards our Vision, Goals, and Objectives as they are relevant to each of the three focus areas identified.

SK PCAP continues to have a broad audience and network with which to share information, methodologies, new and applied research, and strategies. SK PCAP endeavours to provide audience-specific information through a variety of forums which includes: public displays, workshops and speaker series; online and social media outlets, such as our website (www.pcap-sk.org), Twitter, Instagram and Facebook; articles in print media and monthly e-newsletters; as well as education programs for students of all ages.

Highlights from this year include reviewing and updating the Guide to Habitat Attributes by Ecosite for Multiple Species At Risk (or Multi-Species at Risk Guide). SK PCAP also provided 12 Native Prairie Speaker Series webinars, 3 Native Prairie Appreciation Week webinars and 3 in-person presentations. We also co-organized two virtual workshops for landowners and land managers on "Wild About Wetlands" and "Saskatchewan Conservation". In addition, SK PCAP hosted the 6th annual Prairie's Got the Goods Week with 6 webinars. We successfully delivered our youth Education Programs, Adopt a Rancher (Grade 10) and Taking Action for Prairie (Grade 6-8), to 12 classes, 257 students and 12 teachers and ranchers. We hosted a virtual Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop to over 230 participants. Finally, we improved the visibility of SK PCAP on social media, increasing the number of Facebook and Instagram followers and impressions in Twitter, as well as the e-newsletter subscribers and page viewers on our website.

The PCAP staff consists of Carolyn Gaudet (Manager), Caitlin Mroz (Stewardship Coordinator) and Julie-Anne Howe (Education Coordinator). Contract staff were hired to review and update the the Guide to Habitat Attributes by Ecosite for Multiple Species At Risk: Sue Michalsky and Heather Peat Hamm.

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1. Native Prairie Awareness and Appreciation

1.1 Objective 2019-2023

Increase awareness of the ecological, cultural, and economic importance of native prairie and biodiversity including species at risk among students, general public, industry, and policy makers.

Strategy

1.2.1 Gather evidence-based and traditional ecological, cultural and economic knowledge about native prairie, Species at Risk and all species issues. Develop this knowledge with key partners, including indigenous representation, and share this information broadly with partners, industry, indigenous communities and target key policymakers.

1.2.3 Provide urban and rural general public with information about native prairie stewardship and biodiversity through awareness programs such as social media, Native Prairie Speaker Series, Agribition, Native Prairie Appreciation Week and Ecological Goods and Services Week.

Measuring success

- Produced and distributed twelve **electronic newsletters** to over 2,400 PCAP subscribers.
- Prepared and distributed two **news releases**
 - Native Prairie Appreciation Week Proclaimed in SK (Media Release by MOA and MOE)
 - Virtual Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop (January 17, 2022)
- Curated web content on our **website** www.pcap-sk.org
 - 32,672 page views from 14,234 users, representing an average of 81% new visitors and 19% returning visitors. This is similar to the page views from the same time period in 2020-2021 (34,858 page views). 56% of users were from Canada and 28% are from USA. Top Three Pages were: PCAP Homepage, Upcoming Events-Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop, and “What is Native Prairie”.
- Communications on Social Media:

- The SK PCAP **Facebook** page currently has 4,376 followers compared to 4,030 at the end of the 2020-21 fiscal year. A total of 3,988 'likes,' is an increase from 3,750 'likes' from the previous year. SK PCAP produced an average of 52 posts per month during 2021-22, compared to 51 in 2020-21. The Facebook page had a total reach of 1,054,092 which is up from the 2020-21 total reach of 680,972. Of the reach of 1,054,092, 790,356 are "organic" impressions (i.e. not paid), while 263,736 are "paid" or sponsored impressions.
 - The SK PCAP **Twitter** account currently has 1,708 followers, which has grown by 100 followers since April 2021. SK PCAP currently posts an average of 36 tweets per month, compared to year we averaged 64 tweets per month. We averaged approximately 15,500 monthly impressions which is a decrease compared to last fiscal period (25,000).
 - The SK PCAP **Instagram** averaged 42 posts per month, and most were NPSS webinar promotions or the #SARSweetTweet Campaign. Total followers to date are 1,072, up from about 900 at this time last year. On average, have 42 profile visits per week and each month we reach an average of 11,590 accounts, have 13,158 impressions and receive 615 likes from our followers.
 - SK PCAP posted 26 new videos on **YouTube** in 2021-22, including 12 from the Native Prairie Speaker Series (webinars), 3 from the Native Prairie Appreciation Week Speaker Series, as well as 6 from the Ecological Goods & Services Week and 2 from the SODCAP AGM and the Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards AGM where we had presentations and one in-person presentation in Val Marie. We also posted 2 videos from events that we co-hosted with Nature Saskatchewan. SK PCAP has a total of 34,726 views to date on its YouTube channel, up from 26,110 views last year (www.youtube.com/user/SKPCAP). There are currently 580 subscribers to the SK PCAP YouTube Channel. Since the channel began, over 4,109 hours of PCAP videos have been watched.
- Monthly social media campaigns about Species At Risk: #SARSweetTweet covered 9 species at risk: Sage Thrasher, Baird's Sparrow, Hog Nose Snake, Bank Swallow, Greater Short-horned Lizard, Hairy Prairie Clover, Western Spiderwort and Tiny Cryptanthe and Western Tiger Salamander.
 - Displays at urban and relevant producer venues across Saskatchewan were not provided in 2021-22 as PCAP staff were not comfortable attending many in-person events because of the Covid-19 pandemic. SK PCAP contributed to the South of the Divide Conservation Action Program AGM and the Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards AGM by providing a virtual venue and a speaker.

- Provided **three** Native Prairie Speaker Series presentations through a public forum and **twelve** webinars across the province for a total of **15** Native Prairie Speaker Series presentations.
 - Impacted a total impact of over **1528 people** through live webinar and in-person attendance. The YouTube videos of these presentations have been viewed by 1891 more people to date.
- Provided **six** Ecological Goods and Services Week webinars.
 - Impacted a total of **800 people** through webinar live attendance. The YouTube videos of these presentations have been viewed by **336** more people to date.
- Provided **six** articles in *Beef Business* magazine and **one** in Nature Saskatchewan Annual Newsletter
 - Articles included: **1.** A New Tool to Help Manage Habitat for Multiple Species at Risk, *Beef Business* magazine. May 2021; **2.** Saskatchewan Grassland Habitats Resound with Songbirds, *Beef Business* magazine. September 2021; **3.** Targeted Grazing Turns an Invasive Plant Problem into an Opportunity, *Beef Business* magazine. November 2021; **4.** Carbon Sequestration 101: The Value of Native Prairie for Carbon Storage, *Beef Business* magazine. January 2022; **5.** Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop. *Beef Business* magazine, January 2022; **6.** Getting to know the Common Nighthawk, *Beef Business* magazine. March 2022 and **7.** Habitat for three grassland songbirds in SK in the Nature Saskatchewan Stewards of Saskatchewan Annual Newsletter.
- Organized annual Native Prairie Appreciation Week events, including NPAW declarations.
 - NPAW was declared by the province (Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Agriculture), and the cities of Regina, Saskatoon, Weyburn and Moose Jaw.
 - SK PCAP held a Youth Poster contest for children ages 7-16, which received **almost 400** entries. Three winners were chosen for each category. The 1st place winning entries were printed on a bookmark that was sent out to the winners.
 - SK PCAP held a Photo Contest on our social media platforms. Over **120** photo entries met the criteria and were posted to the SK PCAP Facebook page, where the winners were chosen by the public. One winner and one runner-up were selected in each of the four categories: Best Native Prairie Wildflower, Prairie Wildlife in Action and Native Prairie Landscape.
 - The NPAW webinar series impacted a total of 314 people through webinar live attendance. The YouTube videos of these

presentations have been viewed by 511 more people to date. Topics included how to plant a native species garden, native plant identification and getting to know SK Species at Risk.

- The NPAW news release was picked up by three news sources: Kindersley Social.ca, Moose Jaw Today, and Wakaw Recorder.
- Despite the Canadian Western Agribition occurring in 2021, SK PCAP decided not to have a booth as the Regina school divisions decided not to approve the event as a field trip, so that reduced the attendance by 10,000 kids going through the Agri-Ed Pavilion. In 2020, we modified some of the programming for virtual delivery including the 'Whose Nest Is This?' display and the Pitch it for Pipits and Plovers game show.
 - The Instructional video *Pitch it for Pipits and Plovers* game show was viewed 49 times to date.
 - The "Whose Nest is This?" instruction video was viewed 180 times to date.

Strategy

1.2.2 Develop and provide Saskatchewan students with information about native prairie stewardship and biodiversity through education programs, such as Adopt a Rancher and Taking Action for Prairie, while also exploring new ways to share awareness.

Measuring success

SK PCAP promotes and delivers education programming as well as assesses the current programs to ensure they are meeting curriculum needs.

Teachers were recruited mainly by word of mouth, as well as advertising on social media and in the Saskatchewan Teacher's Federation newsletter. One education/science forum, Sciematics, was attended in the fiscal year, but the virtual event seemed unsuccessful in terms of connections made with attendees. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Adopt a Rancher and Taking Action For Prairie continued to be delivered virtually as field trips and in-person program delivery were generally not allowed. However one Taking Action for Prairie classroom was done in-person this year.

- Planned and virtually delivered the *Adopt a Rancher* Grade 10 curriculum-supported program.
 - In 2021-22, Adopt a Rancher was delivered to **3** classes reaching **84** students and **4** adults (teachers, ranchers).
- Delivered *Taking Action for Prairie* programming

- Taking Action for Prairie was offered in 2021-22 to **nine** classes with 191 students and **8** teachers.
- Evaluation forms were completed and they indicated a very positive response from students and teachers. Teachers agreed with the components and delivery of the program and would participate again.

Strategy

1.2.4 Engage, build and maintain a positive relationship within the PCAP partnership that is inclusive of all native prairie stakeholders.

Measuring success

- SK PCAP hosted **two** PCAP Steering Committee meeting.
- SK PCAP hosted **two** PCAP Executive Committee meeting.
- SK PCAP is continuing to look for ways to improve virtual meetings and the partnership, including new ways to actively engage partners, such as regular partner presentations at Steering Committee meetings, as well as continually looking for new partners to join the PCAP partnership.
- One new partner joined in 2021-2022, the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Foundation.
- SK PCAP gathered PCAP partner updates for the Spring 2021 Steering Committee meeting (April 2021) and the Fall 2021 Steering Committee meeting (Nov 2021), where partners shared information related to their own species at risk or grassland conservation programs, monitoring, activities and initiatives, increasing comprehension of overall SK PCAP partner efforts towards species at risk and grassland conservation.
- Every month, a PCAP Partner is highlighted in the monthly newsletter, where they can share about upcoming objectives or provide details about a particular initiative, or whatever else they would like to highlight.
- SK PCAP participated in **seven** native prairie stakeholder meetings and workshops, including the Transboundary Grasslands Partnership Core Team and Workshop, the South of the Divide Conservation Action Program AGM, and the Swift Current Creek Watershed Stewards AGM.
- SK PCAP also participated in the Canada Grasslands Roadmap Working Group and in steering committees to update the SK Range Health Assessment Protocol and to review the Canadian Forage and Grassland Association's Habitat and Biodiversity Assessment Tool.

2. Responsible Land Use on Native Prairie

2.1 Objective 2019-2023

Provide land users with balanced, evidence-based information about ecological, economic and cultural influences and promote beneficial management practices to sustain healthy native prairie and species at risk populations within a working landscape while mitigating adverse impact.

Strategy

2.2.1 Facilitate the identification and understanding of current types of development and land-uses of native prairie in Saskatchewan, and associated monitoring, management and risks of these developments.

Measuring success

- This strategy will continue to be reviewed in the future.

Strategy

2.2.2 Engage and interact with key policy makers, stakeholders and the public about the value of native prairie as a working landscape in Saskatchewan.

Measuring success

- Co-hosted **two** virtual workshops for landowners and land managers on “Wild About Wetlands” on March 10th, 2022 and “Saskatchewan Conservation” on March 15th, 2022. Workshops were attended by 156 individuals, including 16 landowners.
- Hosted the **9th Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop (NPRRW): “Restoration, Reclamation, Resilience: Improving Soil, Water and Habitat”** virtually, Feb 8-10, 2022. Information was presented to over 230 stakeholders from various interest groups related to native prairie conservation and restoration. Topics included: soils, water and habitat, resilience, native seeds choices, industry mitigations, weed management, and restoration of riparian areas and cropland.
 - The 3-day virtual workshop consisted of **nine** 35-min presentations, **two** discussion groups, and **six** case studies.

- **10** tradeshow booths representing native seeding industry, conservation groups, and consulting companies were in attendance.
 - **11** poster presentations were present including projects about wetlands, beavers, effects of fire on productivity, seed mixtures, restoration of riparian habitat, restoration of disturbed habitat and grassland and species conservation.
 - Developed and awarded the new the **Native Prairie Restoration and Reclamation Grant**, which combined the previous awards and a donation to highlight and support a small-scale, on-the-ground restoration/reclamation project.
 - SK PCAP will start planning the 10th Native Prairie Restoration/ Reclamation Workshop in February 2024.
- Provided event participants with at least **eighteen** formal opportunities to share feedback through an evaluation of PCAP informational events, including Native Prairie Speaker Series, virtual workshops, the Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop.
 - Joined the planning committee for the 13th Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Conference that will be held in Calgary in 2023, ensuring that the invited speakers and audience is comprised of a diverse group of stakeholders representing multiple interests.

Strategy

2.2.3 Communicate to land users beneficial management practices, planning processes, policies and regulatory requirements for sustainable and responsible land uses of the mosaic of native prairie in Saskatchewan.

Measuring success

- Co-hosted **two virtual events** for landowners and land managers; one on ‘Saskatchewan Conservation’ where Birds Canada presented about their Incentives Guide and their Resources Guide that included information about responsible land uses and another ‘Wild About Wetlands’ where Northern Leopard Frog and other amphibians were described and information about various wetland and riparian habitat programs was also shared. There were 16 individuals present at the workshops that self-identified as landowners or managers.
- The Prairie’s Got the Goods Week webinar series included two presentations that dealt with planning and beneficial practices: 1. Using grasslands to mitigate and adapt to climate change, 2. Using Prairie Strips in row crops to benefit farms and wildlife.
- SK PCAP is on the steering committee for the Canadian Forage and Grassland Association’s Habitat and Biodiversity Assessment Tool that will

provide beneficial management practices to landowners and groups working with landowners.

Strategy

2.2.4 Facilitate research and knowledge transfer about the values and benefits derived from native prairie as a working landscape in Saskatchewan and other jurisdictions.

Measuring success

- SK PCAP hosted the 6th Annual Ecological Goods & Services Week – “**Prairie’s Got the Goods!**” on March 7th –11th, 2022.
 - **6** webinars were organized to highlight the wide range of ecological goods & services that native prairie provides. Topics included maximizing on-farm assets to mitigate and adapt to climate change, prairie strips in row crops, pollinators, the role of wetlands in flood prevention, carbon sequestration and weedy invasions.
 - **800** people watched the webinars in real time and other **336** people viewed the uploaded presentations through our YouTube channel to date.
 - A social media campaign took place on SK PCAP’s Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts. Facts and resources were shared multiple times a day on social media.

3. Native Prairie Ecosystem Management

3.1 Objective 2019-2023

Promote the importance of land management knowledge and adoption of practices that have a positive impact on biodiversity, species at risk, and prairie ecosystem health including carbon sequestration and climate change.

Strategies

3.2.1 Increase knowledge among native prairie land managers regarding the function of disturbance processes (such as grazing and fire) and the relationship between healthy prairie ecosystems and economic returns.

Measuring success

- Hosted **twelve** Native Prairie Speaker Series webinars highlighting conservation of prairie species (including species at risk and rare species) as well as two presentations about invasive species in a variety of land-use settings and returning fire to the landscape.
- SK PCAP hosted Ecological Goods & Services Week – “**Prairie’s Got the Goods!**” on March 7th – 11th. Through **six** webinars, the relationship between healthy prairie ecosystems and economic returns was highlighted.
 - **800 people** were reached through webinar live attendance. The YouTube videos of these presentations have reached other **336** views to date
- Provided **three** articles in “Beef Business” magazines that reached producers and land managers in Saskatchewan that discuss disturbance processes and how to increase the health of the ecosystem.
 - Articles included: **1.** A New Tool to Help Manage Habitat for Multiple Species at Risk, Beef Business magazine. May 2021; **2.** Targeted Grazing Turns an Invasive Plant Problem into an Opportunity, Beef Business magazine. November 2021; **3.** Carbon Sequestration 101: The Value of Native Prairie for Carbon Storage, Beef Business magazine. January 2022.

Strategy

3.2.2 Promote access to balanced, evidence-based information and decision-making tools for native prairie land owners and managers through various communication channels including newsletters and the website.

3.2.3 Develop new habitat identification tools for species at risk targeting land managers.

Measuring success

- SK PCAP has reviewed and updated the draft Multi-Species At Risk Guide, that combines the habitat attributes from the previous 9 species at risk attribute guides, and illustrates how those habitat attributes overlap and contrast between species. An assessment will be tested in 2022/2023.
- The **12** monthly newsletters included links to online resources, links to grassland news articles, articles by various NPRRW sponsors, and events that were either training opportunities or balanced, evidence-based information.
- The five articles in Beef Business contained evidence-based information.

Strategy

3.2.4 Among stakeholders, increase knowledge and use of current and proposed data collection and monitoring methods and facilitate entry of data into applicable databases (range health, invasive species occurrences, and species at risk occurrences).

Measuring success

- Through the Native Prairie Speaker Series, participants had the opportunity to learn about various species at risk and methods of collecting data as well as what groups are doing for invasive species education and management and biocontrol programs.
- SK PCAP gathered PCAP partner updates for the Spring 2021 Steering Committee meeting (April 2021) and the Fall 2021 Steering Committee meeting (Nov 2021), whereby partners shared information related to their own species at risk or grassland conservation programs, monitoring, activities and initiatives, increasing comprehension of overall SK PCAP partnership efforts towards species at risk and grassland conservation.
- At the Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop, there was one case study and discussion about the Ecological Health Assessment Protocol in Alberta.

Strategy

3.2.5 Identify best practices to sustain resilient native prairie ecosystems that are able to support species at risk, minimize the threats of invasive species, maintain biodiversity, and be resilient to extreme weather events (such as droughts or floods).

Measuring success

- SK PCAP sent out the Multi-Species At Risk Guide for review and updated it based on feedback from reviewers, adding an assessment that can be done in the field. The Multi-Species At Risk Guide combines the habitat attributes from the previous 9 species at risk attribute guides, and illustrates how those habitat attributes overlap and contrast between species.
- At the Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop there was:
 - One presentation about droughtproofing and another about building resilient soils
 - One case study about what needs to be considered when managing invasive species on a ranch with species at risk.
- SK PCAP hosted themed social media weeks to educate about invasive species and minimizing the threat of invasive species and supporting practices. The invasive species discussed were: Hoary Cress, scentless chamomile, Japanese brome, Yellow/Dalmation Toadflax, Oxe-eye daisy, Field Scabious, Red Bartisia, and Canada Thistle.
- One Native Prairie Speaker Series presentation examined the effects of weather and climate on grassland species.
- One Prairie's Got the Goods week presentation explained the role of prairie wetlands in flood prevention.

Strategy

3.2.6 Facilitate discussion, as well as gather and share information about prairie carbon sequestration and carbon release from prairie conversion.

Measuring success

- Through the Prairie's Got the Goods Week, participants learned about how reconstructed prairie and wetlands affect carbon sequestration.
- In a Beef Business article, readers learned about the value of native prairie for carbon sequestration.
- At the Native Prairie Restoration/Reclamation Workshop, there was a case study about balancing conservation goals with carbon sequestration.

Appendix 1: 2021-22 SK PCAP Partnership

- Agriculture & Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) - Science and Technology Branch
- Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS)
- Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC)
- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) - Canadian Wildlife Service.
- Meewasin Valley Authority
- Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan Inc. (NPSS)
- Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC)
- Nature Saskatchewan (NS)
- Parks Canada – Grasslands National Park of Canada (PC-GNP)
- Prairie Wind & Silver Sage – Friends of the Grasslands (PWSS)
- Redberry Lake Biosphere Reserve Association Inc. (RLBR)
- Saskatchewan Bison Association (SBA)
- Saskatchewan Cattlemen’s Association (SCA)
- Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture
- Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment
- Saskatchewan Ministry of Energy and Resources
- Saskatchewan Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport
- Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM)
- Saskatchewan Burrowing Owl Interpretative Centre (SBOIC)
- Saskatchewan Environmental Society (SES)
- Saskatchewan Forage Council (SFC)
- Saskatchewan Outdoor and Environmental Education Association (SaskOutdoors)
- Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association (SSGA)
- Saskatchewan Stock Growers Foundation (SSGF)
- Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation (SWF)
- Saskatchewan Association of Watersheds (SAW)
- SaskEnergy
- SaskPower
- Society for Range Management (SRM) - Prairie Parkland Chapter
- South of the Divide Conservation Action program Inc. (SODCAP Inc.)
- University of Regina
- University of Saskatchewan – College of Agriculture and Bioresources
- Water Security Agency (WSA)

Appendix 2: 2021-22 Financial & In-Kind Support

SK PCAP gratefully acknowledges financial support in 2021-2022 from:

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