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Native Prairie Speaker Series Webinar

SK Conservation Data Centre (SKCDC) Data Collection, Sharing & Uses



Monday May 15th, 2023 at 12:00pm CT

Speakers: Andrea Benville, Data Manager; Beryl Wait, Invasive Species Coordinator; and Erin Swerdfeger, Zoologist—All from the Saskatchewan Conservation Data Centre in the Fish and Wildlife Branch, Ministry of Environment, Government of Saskatchewan

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About this Webinar:

With so many diverse plants, animals and lichen species in our province, keeping track of them can be a big job. That's why we have the Saskatchewan Conservation Data Centre (SKCDC)! The SKCDC is responsible for collecting information on species and managing a species database, with a focus on documenting conservation status and mapping locations of rare and endangered species. Information housed in the database is compiled from a variety of sources including government and non-government organizations, industry, academia, museums and citizen science websites such as iNaturalist.

Join our presentation to learn more about the SKCDC, including information on where we get our data, what we do with it, and how you can contribute! We will also go over some of the ways our data can be accessed, such as through NatureServe Explorer, iMapInvasives, and the Government of Saskatchewan's HABISask web mapping application.

About the Speakers

Erin Swerdfeger, SKCDC Zoologist:

As the SKCDC Zoologist, Erin manages information on Saskatchewan's native wildlife species. She brings expertise on bats to the role through her MSc in Biology from the University of Regina, and a strong foundation in planning and impact assessment from her environmental consulting experience. Erin loves spending time outside in the many varied landscapes of Saskatchewan.

Beryl Wait, SKCDC Invasive Species Coordinator:

Beryl has a B.Sc. in Biology from the University of Saskatchewan. She has over twenty years of experience with plant and vegetation related work experiences in Saskatchewan and neighboring provinces. Beryl has worked in a variety of sectors (forestry, oil and gas, mining, research, conservation, and government). Focusing primarily on rare plant identification she has worked in many areas of the Province including the Great Sand Hills, the Cypress Hills, the Northern Provincial Forest and the Souris River Valley.

Andrea Benville, SKCDC Data Manager:

Andrea puts her GIS mapping and data management skills to work as the data manager for the CDC. Andrea has a B.Sc. majoring in Zoology from the University of Guelph, and a post-graduate certificate from Fleming College in Geographic Information Systems as an application specialist.

