



*Helping people
understand and care
for nature.*



HAT **2013** *Annual Report*

Dear Members,

In the spring, the bloom of Chocolate lilies at Brooks Point mingles with the sound of sea lions, the sight of orcas, and (if your hearing is exceptional) the nearly silent slither of the Sharp-tailed Snake. It is a biologically rich place, where coastal bluffs meet the ocean, and the Pender Island Conservancy, HAT, Islands Trust Fund, and CRD Parks are close to protecting this place forever.

From the outside, it may appear that the last year has been turbulent for the land trust community. However, from where we stand, we see that HAT and our partners are continuing to work together to conserve important habitat, rare species, and vanishing ecosystems. We are diligent in our commitment to conserving these places forever.

To accomplish our goals we work together and with the community, to provide education, information, and assistance to build naturescapes, restore habitat, and conserve rare ecosystems. As you will see in this report, we couldn't do it without the efforts of hundreds of volunteers, donors, and members.

Thank you for joining us in this effort. Together, we are a strong and stable voice for conservation.

Pia Archibald
Board President

Urban Forest Mapping: Collaboration in the Capital Region



Understanding how our region is changing is the first step to conserving the parts that need protection.

Through the Land Cover Mapping project we learned that every municipality is losing trees. How much tree cover was lost in your neighbourhood?

The full report is available on our website at www.hat.bc.ca

Green Spots:

Growing Minds Outdoors

"All in all, it doesn't get any better than digging in the dirt and sharing the energy of all the children..." - Shelley Brown at Quadra Elementary

In 2013 HAT helped schools create 4 native plant gardens.

Goldstream Chums:

Helping students experience nature

"Programs like this are critically important to teachers struggling with limited field trip budgets looking to find engaging, hands on outdoor learning opportunities."

Tracy, Goldstream Nature House

Community sponsors have helped HAT send 5000 students to Goldstream Salmon programs in both 2011 & 2012.

Thanks Chums!

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Volunteering: To steward & care for Nature

"My involvement in HAT gives me an opportunity to learn and to work with a team of great people. I believe we live in the best part of the world and I want to help to keep it that way". - Alf Birch, Volunteer

In 2012, volunteers donated over 3000 hours to restoration, office support, & monitoring for endangered species.



Good Neighbours:

Helping people care for species and habitats

HAT is delighted to welcome the 40 new Habitat Stewards who committed to care for their land to benefit wildlife and waterways in the Hagan and Graham watersheds.

"When you live somewhere like this, you can't help but be aware and appreciative ... and willing to help preserve it."
- Michael Simmons, Habitat Steward

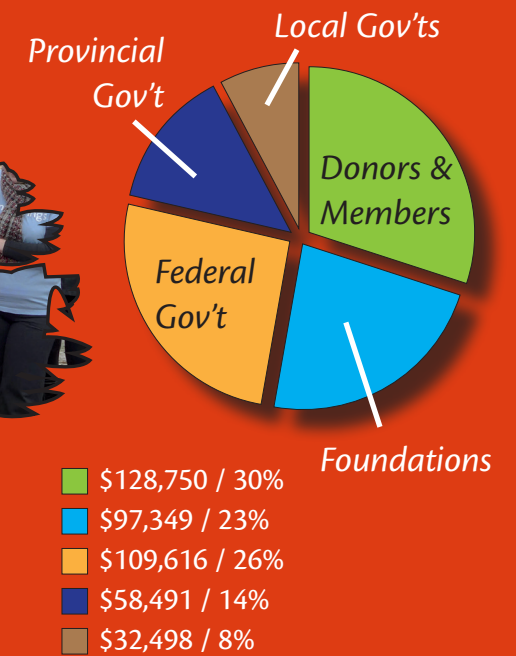
Species -at-Risk:

Caring for rare wildlife

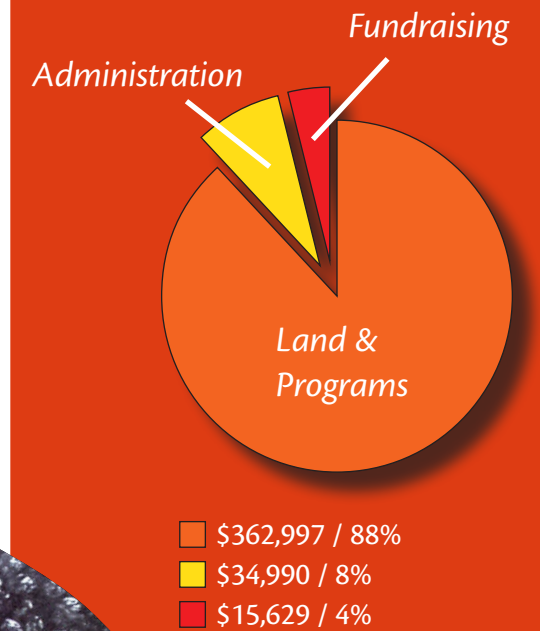
All endangered species are a unique part of our biological heritage, and worthy of conservation. HAT works to protect the last remaining habitat for these rare creatures. Volunteer citizen scientists have helped us find 2 new Blue-grey Taildropper populations, and create nesting habitat for 3 Western Painted Turtle populations in the past year.

Financial Overview*

Income:



Expenses:

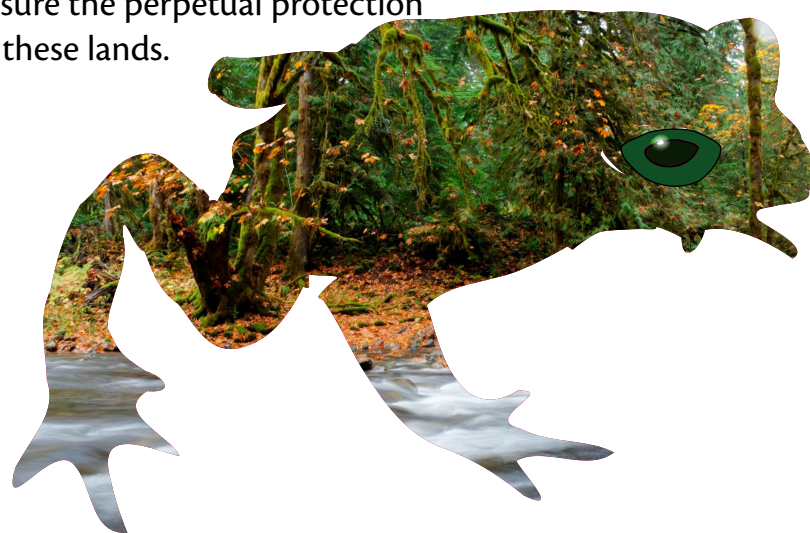


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Land Conservation:

Protecting natural landscapes

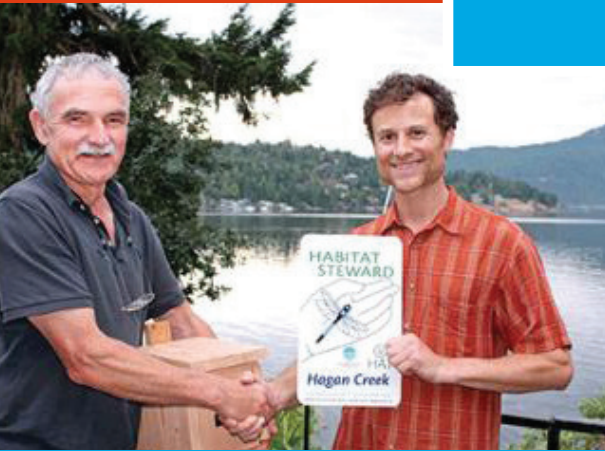
In 2013, HAT added over 1400 hectares of natural areas to our active monitoring and stewardship portfolio at the request of The Land Conservancy of BC (TLC), helping to ensure the perpetual protection of these lands.





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HAT staff Todd Carnahan with a new Habitat Steward in the Hagan Creek watershed a part of the Good Neighbours project.

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to list, but fuel HAT's work.

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