

Yellowhead Flyway Birding Trail Association Inc.

## What's flying around....



# What's New For 2005?

The 2005 YFBTA birding year is going to begin with the YFBTA's **Annual General Meeting** on February 19th. The AGM will be hosted in Churchbridge at the Churchbridge Community Center.

This years guest speaker is Alan Smith. Alan is an exacting scientist, inspired wildlife artist and all-around outdoor enthusiast. Alan has traveled Saskatchewan extensively seeking the records of fellow birders and in search of new bird sightings. He is author of *Atlas of Saskatchewan Birds*, a comprehensive guide chronicling bird sightings in Saskatchewan, and

has worked for the Canadian Wildlife Service for close to 30 years. Most recently, he has been involved in the establishment and operation of the Last Mountain Bird Observatory on the north shore of Last Mountain Lake.

Participants must pre register for the event. The registration will begin at 11:00 am and there is a \$10.00 fee for the registration which includes a bird callings workshop by Bill Anaka, lunch and the AGM. You can also purchase a full day ticket for \$20.00 which includes the AGM, workshop, lunch and a ticket for the evening banquet and if you would like just a banquet ticket which includes Alan Smith's presentation the fee is \$15.00. Participants are encouraged to pre-register for the event before February 5th to guarantee a ticket.

If you are interested in having a display at the AGM please contact Wally Karau at (306) 896-2660. Display fees are \$5.00 per booth.

The summer weather brings trail

improvements and the next step for the YFBTA is developing some **platforms and viewing towers** for some of the existing trails. If you are able to help with construction, donations or trail maintenance &/or clean-up please feel free to contact Kim Wondrasek at (306) 743-5177.

The YFBTA is also planning another youth program for 2005. The **Grade 4 School Program** that was designed and implemented by the YFBTA has been a huge success over the past two years. The new program is currently being developed.

Last but not least don't forget about the **2005 Christmas Bird Count**. Volunteers are needed to do a count in their respective communities. Details about the next bird count will be released closed to the date. Keep posted for further details.

The YFBTA is working hard to make the Yellowhead Region one of the best birding spots in the province and country!

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## YFBTA Memberships Are Now Available For 2005

The Yellowhead Flyway Birding Trail Association Inc. is now selling memberships for the 2005 fiscal year.

**Memberships are available in the following categories:**

- **Individual \$10.00**
- **Family \$15.00**
- **Municipal \$50.00**
- **YFBTA "Friends" \$5**

Please note that all individual and municipal memberships are entitled to all privileges of membership, including the right to one vote at meetings of members and may be elected as a director. Family memberships are also entitled to two votes at meetings of members.

And YFBTA "Friends" are entitled to all privileges of membership, except the right to vote at meetings of members and the right to be elected as a director.

**What does your membership do for you?**

Members are mailed a copy of the "What's flying around" newsletter that is published by the YFBTA numerous times throughout the year. Members are also invited to attend the YFBTA Annual General Meeting and Events. All trails are open to the members for no fee. All members (excluding those in the "friends" category) are entitled to one vote at a meeting of members and may also become directors of the corporation.

**What does your membership do for the YFBTA?**

The YFBTA uses the funds from the memberships to print brochures, purchase trail signage, update and clean trails, build platforms and viewing towers and much, much more!

If you are interested in any or all of the YFBTA activities, would like to attend the next members meeting or if you are interested in becoming a director of the YFBTA please contact Walter Farquharson at 306-744-2214 or Lois Wilson at 306-743-5351.

The YFBTA invites you to discover our great trails and fabulous region!



The Yellowhead Flyway Birding Trail Association Inc. is recognized as part of the Saskatchewan Birding Trail.

*Don't forget to purchase your 2005 Yellowhead Flyway Birding Trail Association Inc. Membership!*

## How To Register For The YFBTA Annual General Meeting

Please contact:  
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for registration fees, details and event information.

Don't forget to register ASAP! See you there!

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## YFBTA Christmas Bird Count

The YFBTA would like to thank the communities of Saltcoats, Churchillbridge, Yorkton, Hazel Cliff and Esterhazy along with all of the volunteers that organized and participated in the

annual Christmas Bird Count! Over 1000 birds and 17 species were counted. The full listing of the Christmas Bird Count numbers can be obtained from the "Blue Jay", Nature Saskatchewan's quarterly semi-

scientific journal of conservation and nature. To obtain a copy of the paper or to learn more about Nature Saskatchewan please contact:

*Nature Saskatchewan*

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