

Yellowhead Flyway Birding Trail Association Inc.

What's flying around...



YFBTA Summer Student

Kim Wondrasek and Rob Wilson interviewed students for the summer student job with the Yellowhead Flyaway Birding Trail Association on July 18th, 2005. Courtney Devins was the lucky individual to get the summer student position.

Courtney is hired by the YFBTA through the Human Resources and Skills Devel-

opment Canada - Summer Career Placements Initiative 2005. Courtney will be working 40 hours a week for a six week period. Courtney will be working with the YFBTA until August 26/05 where she will then continue her schooling.

She is stationed at the Yellowhead REDA office in Langenburg where they have provided office space for the position.

In her time with the YFBTA, Courtney will be making a website for the YFBTA (stay tuned for more information on when it will be ready), launching a membership campaign, creating a summer newsletter, working on a corporation package for sponsorship, as well as many other duties to help the YFBTA market its trails throughout the region.

Congratulations Courtney on a job well done!

Annual General Meeting

The YFBTA Annual General Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, **February 18th, 2006** in

Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

If anyone has any ideas for the AGM, would like to help

organize the event or if you would like to attend this meeting please contact Kim Wondrasek (306) 743 5177.

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Western Red Lilly Project

The Yellowhead Flyaway Birding Trail Association has distributed lilies to trails within the YFBTA region. The lilies were provided by the Western Red Lilly Program.

The lilies have been planted at the following trails :

Trail Name	# of Lilies
Leflay Trail	100
Carleton Trail	150
Arden Bradford	25
John Sawkey	50
Kaposvar	100
Cherrydale	150

The flowers will not bloom for one or two years but keep looking for

the blooms! The YFBTA is very excited to see how they brighten the trails!

A great big **THANK YOU** to the Western Red Lilly Program for supplying the lilies and to Wally and Martha Karau for organizing and distributing the lilies.!!!

Youth Program

The YFBTA once again organized a Youth Program for schools within the region. The only school able to participate this year was the Willowbrook Elementary School.

The students in Grade 4 had to draw a picture of the bird that they think is most important, then write a short essay on why they think it is significant. There were no

winners or losers in the contest. Once the students were done the artwork, a lunch and birdwalk was organized for students to walk through their own communities and learn from one of their community "experts" about the different bird populations.

This project is a great example of a small community using the exper-

tise and resources already in the community to create a great learning experience for its students.

The YFBTA is more than happy to work with teachers and schools who want to initiate a similar project in their communities. If you are interested in hosting the Youth Program in your community please contact the YFBTA.



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

Madge Lake Loon and Grebe Study

The YFBTA is working on a Loon and Grebe nesting study at Madge Lake. The YFBTA is working with the Resource Stewardship Branch of the government.

The goal of the project is

to try and make people aware that boating can harm the nesting areas of Loons and Grebes. Since the birds lay their nests in the water, the wake from the boats can harm their nesting grounds. With people aware of what ef-

fects boating has on these precious birds, we can help save the future of these and many other waterfowl in the area.

The YFBTA hopes that the awareness will help the park promote a "loon friendly lake".

*Don't forget
about the trail
tour, supper, and
meeting at
Cherrydale on
September 28/05.
Everyone
Welcome!*

Cherrydale Trail Tour & YFBTA Meeting

The next YFBTA meeting will be on September 28th, 2005, at the Cherrydale Golf Course. The events will start at 4:00pm. The evening will

start with a tour of the Cherrydale Trail, supper, then a general meeting.

Anyone who would like to come to this meeting

please contact Kim Wondrasek at (306) 743-5177 by September 26/05 to ensure a supper ticket. Everyone is welcome to attend!

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