

PIPING PLOVERS IN THE CODROY VALLEY NEED OUR HELP

The Piping Plover is a small, sandy coloured shorebird with a distinctive peeping call. In Newfoundland, it nests on sand and cobble beaches of the southwest coast, including Searston and MacDougalls. Piping Plovers arrive from the south during late April and remain on the beaches through August.

The Piping Plover is an endangered species and needs our help. Disturbance is thought to be the main threat to its survival.



- ❶ Pale upper parts
- ❷ Black head band
- ❸ Stubby orange and black beak
- ❹ Black breast band
- ❺ Yellow-orange legs

DISTURBANCE CAN CAUSE ADULTS TO ABANDON A NEST OR CHICKS, OR PREVENT CHICKS FROM GAINING THE WEIGHT THEY NEED TO SURVIVE.

ONLY ABOUT 44 ADULT PIPING PLOVERS NEST IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

At the beach, if you see Piping Plovers, nest, or young, please...

- Observe them from a distance.
- Walk at the water's edge to prevent disturbance. Do not linger.
- Keep pets leashed.
- Picnic or recreate away from where Piping Plovers are nesting or feeding.
- Carry trash and food scraps away. Garbage attracts predators.
- Restrict the use of motorized vehicles such as ATVs from April through August.
- Leave natural debris such as driftwood. Piping Plovers need debris for protection.
- Do not burn beach grasses. They create wildlife habitat and help hold the dunes in place.
- Do not pick up chicks or eggs.

Please respect areas posted or fenced for wildlife and habitat protection. Disturbing or harming a Piping Plover, its eggs, or nest is now an offence under Provincial and Federal Endangered Species legislation.

People throughout eastern Canada are helping to protect Piping Plovers and their habitats. Thank you for your help!

To find out how you can become more involved, contact either the MARINE AND MOUNTAIN ZONE CORPORATION (695-9350) or INTERVALE (955-3132). For further information or to report a disturbance, contact NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR INLAND FISH & WILDLIFE DIVISION (709-637-2026) or CANADIAN WILDLIFE SERVICE (709-772-5585).

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Residents of Codroy Valley Help Protect Important Habitats for Wildlife

THE GRAND CODROY ESTUARY: A RAMSAR WETLAND OF INTERNATIONAL ECOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE.



THE GRAND CODROY ESTUARY is an area of global, national, as well as regional ecological significance. The conservation area supports many wetland and upland habitats and more than 143 species of migratory birds, including the endangered Piping Plover and Red Crossbill. The habitats of marshes and nearby ponds are important nesting, feeding, and staging areas for many species of waterfowl. Atlantic salmon, trout, and eel are important sport and commercial fisheries that help sustain local economies.

Residents of the Codroy Valley have a proud tradition in conservation and stewardship of this estuary. Over the past several years, they have acted to benefit wildlife by signing voluntary stewardship agreements, designating specific wetland areas for conservation, and developing eco-friendly businesses. These actions help us all, by preserving the scenic beauty, wildlife habitats, and quality of life for which the Valley is well known.

ON JUNE 21ST, residents, local groups, government agencies, and national conservation organizations will celebrate conservation and stewardship of the Grand Codroy estuary with a ceremony at the wetlands interpretation centre in Upper Ferry. Meet leaders, as well as Board of Directors and staff from Wildlife Habitat Canada, who will be visiting the Valley for the day. People of all ages are invited to attend (watch for announcement and exact time).

The celebration continues at 8 P.M. that day at **ST. ANDREWS NA CREIGE**. Join friends and neighbours for traditional music performed by local musicians.

To find out more about the wetlands celebration, contact **INTERVALE** at 955-3132 or email info@intervale.ca.

Please remember to support the **CODROY VALLEY AREA DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**, dedicated to conservation and rural development in the Valley. For further information, contact: **CVADA** at 955-2109.

This summer, visit the new wildlife park at the **Grand Codroy Wildlife Museum** (Tel. 955-2555).

To learn more about the conservation and stewardship of the Grand Codroy estuary, contact:

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For information on **Wildlife Habitat Canada**, call 613-722-2090 or visit their web site at www.whc.org.

For information on related topics, please see: **citizen science** (www.citizenscience.ca); **wetlands** (www.peat-portal.net), and **stewardship** (www.stewardshipcanada.ca)

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