

## This Hawk is a Farmer's Friend – Return the Favour



The Ferruginous Hawk lives in Alberta's grasslands. A nesting pair consumes nearly 500 ground squirrels a season. Fewer gophers mean less destruction to forage and pasture, and fewer pesticides. However, several factors have endangered its habitat. Find out more about how to conserve this hawk and other endangered species on our website.

### Alberta Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) Species at Risk Initiative

The Alberta Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) is leading a new Species at Risk initiative with funding provided by the Government of Canada's Species at Risk on Agricultural Land program.

The initiative includes both information and assessment tools that will help producers prepare for the emerging market demand for sustainably sourced products. If you farm or ranch prairie grasslands, you will want to know more about simple, low-cost ways to keep your land critter-friendly and best management practices that will fast-track your way to world markets.

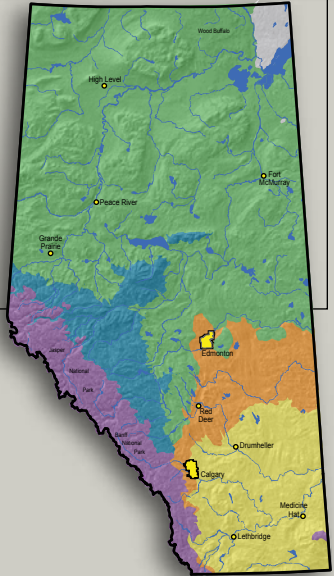


Swift fox



Short-horned lizard

There are many species at risk in Alberta - 75% of them are found in the grasslands. In Alberta, 26% of our grasslands remain in a relatively natural state. Let's try and keep them that way. If you have species at risk on your land, you're already doing something right.



**Alberta Natural Regions Map**

- Boreal Forest Natural Region
- Rocky Mountain Natural Region
- Foothills Natural Region
- Canadian Shield Natural Region
- Parkland Natural Region
- Grassland Natural Region

Conservation practices that support species at risk (SAR) and their habitat offer many benefits:

- Eligibility for special programs and incentives
- Agricultural sustainability
- Pest control
- Pride of place in our prairie heritage
- Competitive edge: meets growing markets for sustainable sourcing

Alberta EFP and its trained technicians will provide you with information about species at risk and how to conserve their habitat on your land. The SAR component will be added to the existing EFP – a self-assessment tool that helps you evaluate your land and farming practices to see if they are being environmentally sound. EFP and SAR are being developed in collaboration with producers, ag industry groups and government.

For details, visit [www.albertaEFP.com](http://www.albertaEFP.com) or call 780-612-9712. Alberta EFP is a provincial program run by ARECA on behalf of the Government of Alberta.



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