



## It's Fledging Season for Purple Martins

BRWA is a landlord to one of the many Purple Martin houses in Camrose. The Purple Martin Project was created by the Camrose Wildlife Stewardship Society to increase populations by training landlords on how to care for the nests. The house we caretake currently has 2 nests in the process of fledging and soon the babies will leave their nest.

[Learn more about the project & how to become a landlord](#)

## Workshops & Events - Join Us



## BRWA Watershed Festival

Plan a day trip or stay overnight at Big Knife Provincial Park to enjoy a gem in the heart of our watershed, including the hoodoos next to the Battle River. At the Watershed Festival you will be treated to a day of activities, including a watershed expo with experts on birding, water quality, and

local wildlife. There will be guided hikes, food, games and crafts for kids. Throughout this fun-filled day we will be exploring and appreciating all that this region provides to us. This is a free event! We would like to say a special thank you to Heartland Generation for sponsoring this year's festival.

Date: August 19th (Rain Date: August 20th)

Time: 10:30am - 3pm

Check out our [Events page](#) | [Sign up for updates](#)

If you're interested in volunteering for the festival, email: [stewardship@battleriverwatershed.ca](mailto:stewardship@battleriverwatershed.ca)

### **August 12th, Love the Lake Day, Pigeon Lake Provincial Park**

Time: 10am - 3pm

BRWA will be one of the healthy lake partner organizations at the Pigeon Lake Watershed Association's Love the Lake Family Fun Day. Join us for activities and games, food, and to learn more about stewardship in the watershed.

[Details](#)



### **August 15th, Tansy Takedown**

Water Treatment Plant at Coal Lake

Time: 10am - 12pm

Pleasure Island Fish Pond

Time: 2pm - 4pm

Please join BRWA at one or both locations to help manage the tansy population and learn how we can maintain a habitat for native plants, pollinators and other species. Refreshments will be provided by BRWA. We will also have weeding tools and gloves, but please bring along water and your own gloves if you have them. Contact us at [stewardship@battleriverwatershed.ca](mailto:stewardship@battleriverwatershed.ca) for details and to register.

[Events page](#)



## **In the Outdoor Classroom**



## Land2Lab Camp

Thank you to Glinis Buffalo, consultant for Samson Cree Nation, for organizing the Land2Lab Camp at Mimiw Sakahikan (Pigeon Lake) from July 4th-7th. BRWA staff were excited to contribute to this place-based learning opportunity that brought together Knowledge Keepers, Elders and youth from Samson Cree Nation, as well as partners from the University of Alberta and Alberta Environment and Protected Areas. It was a great opportunity to learn from both traditional knowledge and western science.

[Watch a clip from one of the sessions with Mike Sullivan \(fish science specialist\).](#)

## Fall Education Programs Available - Teachers are encouraged to sign up early!

BRWA is committed to the education and engagement of youth. We offer the following programs:

- Waste in Our Watershed Tour in Camrose and Wetaskiwin (Grade 4)
- Discover Your Wetlands (Grade 5)
- Habitat Tour (Grade 6)
- X-Stream Science (Grade 7-12)

[Learn more](#)

## Water Matters



### **Paddle the Battle Guide: Tide Creek**

We have added a new location to our paddle guides. Just off of Pigeon Lake, you can enjoy a short paddle down Tide Creek through a beautiful birch and evergreen forest that turns into grassland. Check out the full series of guides on the BRWA website. Happy paddling!

[Paddle the Battle Guides](#)

### **Funding for Agricultural Producers - Apply Today!**

The BRWA's RiparianCARE program works with local landowners, land renters, and community partners to implement on-the-ground projects that support the health of the Battle River and the many creeks and wetlands across the Battle River and Sounding Creek watersheds. An important focus of the program is to support riparian conservation and restoration efforts (RiparianCARE) that protect and improve the health of shorelines and streambanks. The funding can cover up to 75 percent of a riparian project. BRWA will consider a range of projects for funding, including: riparian fencing, installation of livestock watering systems, native vegetation planting, and riparian health assessments. Submissions will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis. Apply in August for funding as early as September.

[Program Guidelines](#) | [Landowner Application Form](#) | [Past Projects](#)

[Notice of Application](#) NRCB RA23021, Darcor Holsteins Inc. Response deadline August 18th.

## The Alliance



## **BRWA Welcomes a New Board Member**

We are pleased to have Marilyn Weber join the board as a health representative.

Marilyn has over 45 years of experience in the healthcare profession, including front line care, mental health, and facility management. Marilyn Weber and her husband, Dennis, farm northeast of Castor, along with their youngest son and his family. They run a mixed cattle and grain operation. She enjoys hiking along Castor Creek, a tributary of the Battle River, and treasures the wildlife and ecosystems that rely on the creek. Marilyn brings this experience and appreciation to her current volunteer work with the Classroom Ag program and as a County of Paintearth committee member.

[About the Board](#)

## **Board Openings**

There are Director positions open for a 2-year term in the following sectors: Academia, Health/Wellness, Indigenous, and Environment. BRWA bylaws indicate that there can be a maximum of two people allowed for each category for a total of 15 Directors. If you are interested in contributing to the achievement of the Alliance, in support of our vision, mission and mandate, please [contact us](#) (type "Board Nomination" in the form).

## **In Other News**

- ['Scary situation' in Alberta's drought-stricken fields raises questions about farming's future](#)
- [Study: Freshwater systems not immune to microplastic accumulation](#)
- [Gull Lake Watershed Society hopes increasing membership will push government to address dropping water levels](#)

Links from [Alberta Water Portal Society](#).

A good summer podcast and article on ticks from Cottage Life, relevant to humans and pets:

- [Tick Talk](#)
- [Doctors now reporting on three more tick diseases](#)



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