

# Species at Risk



## Trumpeter Swan

Population – 1,700



### Habitat

Breed in a variety of freshwater lakes, marshes ponds and rivers. Found primarily in Northwest Alberta.

Trumpeter swans once ranged widely across North America. However, by the early 1900s, a combination of habitat destruction and hunting extirpated the species from much of its range.

### Why it is no longer threatened

In recent decades, through active habitat management efforts, and the implementation of industrial land use guidelines to protect and reduce disturbance at breeding lakes, trumpeter swan populations have regained some of their former abundance and distribution.

### Management

As population abundance of trumpeter swans increases, new challenges may emerge.

Quantity and quality of staging habitat is important for survival and successful reproduction, but current use of staging habitats throughout the province is incompletely understood.

Similarly, the current wintering range is incompletely known, and conditions during winter in the United States may significantly impact Alberta's trumpeter swans.

Environment and Sustainable Resource Development staff will continue its work to protect trumpeters swan and their habitat in Alberta.

### What You Can Do

Access information on this species and the recovery process at [www.esrd.alberta.ca](http://www.esrd.alberta.ca) and search species at risk. Become informed and potentially engaged in the recovery efforts for the species.