



Alberta Wilderness Association

Happy Earth Day!



Lady Slipper Orchids - *Calypso Bulbosa*

Dear Friend,

It is Earth Day! There was a beautiful pink glow on the horizon this morning as we woke to robins singing, chickadees calling and a flicker tapping on the metal light stand.

Earth Day matters enormously to AWA. We have, for each of our 56 years, made time to step back and think about the work we do. Earth Day is a time to reflect on what so many outstanding folks have achieved. Those we affectionately call prairie fairies, fish kissers, and tree huggers have made such

a positive difference to AWA and Alberta.

When our founding members met to talk around a kitchen table about what they were seeing on the landscape, to talk about the things that worried them, the wildlife that was threatened, the health of our streams and clean air, their vision was that together we would make a difference. Indeed we have.

We hope you take a few moments to celebrate today, celebrate our clean air, fresh water, great open spaces, and towering mountains. Earth, just one of myriad planets, is our only home and we are so fortunate that so many care and work for a legacy of wild spaces and wildlife that we will enjoy and celebrate for years to come.

AWA's website is truly a vital online resource for learning more about the history of wilderness and wildlife in our province. We hope you [take time to visit it](#) and read our reports and our outstanding magazine, the Wild Lands Advocate.

Our best to all of you on this fine day and for the coming year,
Christyann Olson, Carolyn Campbell, Phillip Meintzer, Devon Earl, Ruiping Luo, Sean Nichols and Lindsey Wallis on behalf of your AWA Board of Directors.



Rocky Mountain Spendour



Boreal Cotton Grass Treasure



Parkland Vistas



Wide Open Prairies



Dedicated to the conservation of wilderness and completion of a protected areas network, AWA inspires communities to care for Alberta's wild spaces through awareness and action.

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