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## PRAIRIE SHOREBIRD WORKSHOP HELD IN SASKATCHEWAN, CANADA

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On Saturday 28 January 1989 the Saskatchewan Natural History Club held the Prairie Shorebird Workshop in Regina, Saskatchewan. The shorebird workshop was held in conjunction with the Prairie Conservation and Endangered Species Workshop. The workshops were a big success with just over 300 registered people and the general public attending the various sessions.

With this being the first prairie shorebird workshop it was extremely gratifying to see the interest and enthusiasm of participants. There were 10 posters presented at the workshop which were provided by researchers from across Canada and from North Dakota.

The sessions were started off by Guy Morrison's (Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) - Ottawa) presentation on the Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network and his work on the South American Atlas. This was followed by a series of sessions on Piping Plovers Charadrius melodus starting off with a presentation by Faul Goosen (CWS - Edmonton) talking about the Canadian Research and Management Plan in Canada. A large contingent of North Dakota participants including Paul Mayer, Pamela J. Dryer, Eleanor

P. Gaines, Randy Kreil, Mark Ryan and Karen A. Smith presented information regarding the co-operative efforts presently undertaken between State, Federal and Private Agencies in North Dakota to reach Piping Plover recovery goals for that state.

Mark Colwell (North Dakota) presented a paper on the effects of fluctuating wetland conditions on Prairie Shorebird Assemblages based on his work at Last Mountain Lake, Saskatchewan and Cleve Wershler (Alberta) presented a management strategy for Mountain Plovers Charadrius montanus in Alberta. Loney Dickson presented a paper on the progress of the prairie shorebird survey and banding program over the past 2 years.

Preparation of the proceedings of both workshops are now underway and are hoped to be completed by December 1989. Anyone interested in receiving copies of the proceedings should contact:

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