

MD OF RANCHLAND AG BULLETIN

News, updates, and information for our community.



USING THE ALBERTA EFP HABITAT & BIODIVERSITY ASSESSMENT TOOL

Having an Alberta Environmental Farm Plan (EFP) can have several advantages for ranching operations. One of those advantages is the ability to use the online Habitat and Biodiversity Assessment Tool (HBAT).

The HBAT asks a series of simple questions about the land, water, and agricultural practices on a particular quarter. It then takes those answers and comes up with recommended management practices for species at risk that live in those habitats. It also asks if the producer is already doing those practices, or if they would/would not consider doing them in the future.

The tool is beneficial because it allows producers to better understand what specific habitats they have on their land for species at risk, how they can contribute to biodiversity, and shows the value of a parcel of land from a species at risk perspective.

Visit the Alberta EFP website or contact Erin at erin@ranchland66.com or 403-646-3131 for more information.

GRANT TO APPLY FOR

<https://rdar.ca/ofcaf/>

Results Driven Agriculture Research (RDAR) On-Farm Climate Action Fund

OFCAF provides financial support to producers for the adoption of Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs) that enhance sustainability and reduce GHG emissions. Particularly supports rotational grazing activities. Will cover maximum 85% of project costs up to \$75,000. If interested, contact Erin at 403-646-3131 or erin@ranchland66.com.



WEED TO WATCH

Meadow Hawkweed

Hieracium caespitosum

ID characteristics: stems solitary and 20-70cm tall, leaves oblong, with long hairs, and grow in a rosette, flowers yellow, flat-topped, and grow in clusters.



Glen Mittelhauser 2023

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Come to our Workshop!

ALL ABOUT TREES

Pests, Selection, Planting, Care, and Maintenance of Trees in Southern Alberta



With special guest **Toso Bozic, CEO and Tree Expert at ATTS Group Inc.**



DATE: March 15th, 2023, 10am-2pm

LOCATION: Nanton Golf Club on Hwy 533 East

DETAILS: Lunch provided
\$10/person admission cost
~35-person maximum capacity

Register now at bit.ly/trees2023

ORGANIZATION HIGHLIGHT

Alberta Institute For Wildlife Conservation

<https://www.aiwc.ca/>



AIWC is dedicated to helping injured and orphaned wildlife in the name of conservation. This is primarily accomplished through rescue, rehabilitation, and release efforts. They are also dedicated to public education, emphasizing the importance of environmental protection and the crucial role wildlife play in our ecosystems and way of life. The organization relies heavily on volunteers. For more information, visit the website above.

