

# Outstanding Achievement Award Citations –Stewardship

## Karyn Scalise

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Karyn has a wide diversity of experience involving native prairie, including population inventories and productivity surveys on many prairie species at risk. Karyn has been manager of the Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan since April 2000. She has exceptional networking skills, often bringing diverse new perspectives to the program. Karyn has promoted the Partnership to the extent that Saskatchewan's efforts are recognized at both national and international levels. The PCAP has become a model for how diverse partnerships can identify common goals and enhance conservation. One of Karyn's most significant achievements has been the development and delivery of the Eco-Ex and Owls & Cows Programming to elementary schools throughout Saskatchewan. During the last seven years Karyn has played a pivotal role in helping to raise more than \$1.8M for the PCAP Partnership. Other notable achievements include completing the legislative requirements to have *Stipa comata* declared Saskatchewan's provincial grass, completing the legislative requirements to have an annual Native Prairie Appreciation Week declared in Saskatchewan, and the establishment of an annual workshop and tour during Native Prairie Appreciation Week showcasing native prairie management and issues. Many stakeholders desire a say on how rangelands are managed. Often these views are very divergent. Karyn's superior organizational and communication skills, as well as diplomacy, have been a major contributor to the increased efficacy of cooperative efforts to conserve prairie in Saskatchewan.

