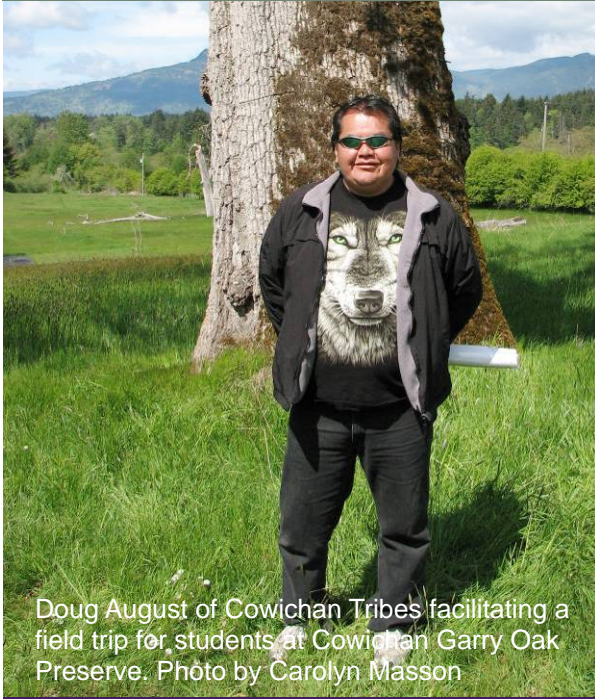


What's Next? Some of GOERT's projects for 2010-2011



Doug August of Cowichan Tribes facilitating a field trip for students at Cowichan Garry Oak Preserve. Photo by Carolyn Masson

Releasing the *2010-2016 Recovery Strategy for Garry Oak and Associated Ecosystems and their Associated Species at Risk in Canada* and completing our new publication, the *Compendium of Garry Oak Ecosystems Restoration*

Increasing capacity to develop more species at risk recovery strategies and action plans and to provide more assistance to partners, including conservancies, local governments and First Nations

Updating and adding to Catalogue of Site Records and providing information on priority Garry oak and associated ecosystem sites to partners

Restoring habitat at priority sites with species at risk to protect populations and minimize threats

Increasing public awareness of the value of Garry oak habitat and species at risk

Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team Annual Report 2009-2010



Photo by Dave McPhie

Our unique strategy

GOERT's recovery strategy uses a unique, ecosystem-based approach to protecting individual species at risk. Recovery planning in Canada has historically taken a species-by-species approach, but national initiatives now recognize the importance of incorporating a wider scope in some circumstances.

The ecosystem-based approach makes sense in this case, as so many species at risk occur in the same geographical area in Garry oak and associated ecosystems.

Like an ecosystem

Like an ecosystem, GOERT functions through relationships. Thanks to the dedicated work of individuals from the community, non-profit groups, businesses, and all levels of government, we have achieved much toward protecting Garry oak ecosystems and species at risk for the future. In 2009-10, approximately 80 individuals contributed their time and expertise to the Team or one of its working groups.

Highlights for the 2009-2010 year

Recovery planning for species and ecosystems at risk

In partnership with the Ministry of Environment, Parks Canada and many local governments, we conducted rare plant surveys for 15 species at more than 40 sites.

Information from rare plant surveys was incorporated into recovery planning documents and provided to landholders to help guide management efforts.

Worked with land trusts, conservancies, and staff from the Ministry of Environment and Parks Canada to ensure that landholder contact for species at risk is coordinated and effective.

Landholder contact

Provided more than 70 private landholders with technical advice, information, and assistance, enabling them to protect and restore the Garry oak and associated ecosystems and the at-risk species they sustain on their property.

Established 7 verbal stewardship agreements with landholders and developed habitat steward signs for landholders.

Established a Planning and Development Working Group to provide expert advice on how to best protect Garry oak ecosystems and species at risk through planning and development processes.

Stewardship for species at risk

In 2009-2010, GOERT established a new stewardship program at one site, and continued to lead stewardship at an additional 8 sites. We:

- ❖ monitored sites and species at risk populations
- ❖ developed and updated restoration plans
- ❖ conducted restoration treatments specifically targeted at reducing or eliminating the threats posed to species at risk by invasive exotic shrubs, herbivory and inappropriate land use

GOERT Staff

Shyanne Smith, Program Manager
Betsy Rose, Financial Administration and Outreach
Carolyn Masson, Outreach Specialist
Chris Junck, Species at Risk Outreach Specialist
Kersti Vaino, Recovery Coordinator/GIS Technician
Brittany Dewar (summer student), Outreach and Restoration Assistant

Financial Summary for 2009-2010

Revenues:	year ending	2010	2009
Federal grants		\$238,806	\$283,488
Provincial grants		\$158,039	\$150,855
Municipal grants		\$65	\$7,985
Foundation and other grants		\$39,614	\$29,300
Donations and memberships		\$16,592	\$5,158
Total revenues:		\$453,116	\$476,786
Expenditures:			
Wages and benefits		\$264,942	\$299,789
Project costs		\$88,422	\$81,521
Communications		\$470	\$30,531
Occupancy		\$23,832	\$30,216
Professional fees		\$7,783	\$18,019
Office and supplies		\$2,284	\$10,741
Membership and recognition		\$3,685	\$1,538
Bad debts (recovery) expense		(\$24,000)	\$24,000
Total expenditures		\$367,418	\$496,355
Net income (loss) for year:		\$85,698	(\$19,569)
Net deficit, beginning of year:		(\$51,020)	(\$31,451)
Net assets (deficit), end of year:		\$34,678	(\$51,020)

From March 31, 2010 Financial Statements by Parkes and Moysey, Chartered Accountants (available upon request)

Recovery Team Members

Special thank you to the members who served on the Team, RIGs and Steering Committees in 2009-2010:

Adriane Pollard	Jeff Ward	Paul Chapman
Aimee Pelletier	Jennifer Heron	Pierre Iachetti
Andrea Schiller	Jennifer Psyllakis	Raj Prasad
Art Robinson	Jillayne Peers	Reg Brady
Brenda Costanzo	Karen Barry	Richard Hebda
Brian Clark	Kate Miller	Rob Hagel
Brian Reader	Kevin Bridges	Rob Lawrance
Bruce Greig	Kevin Brown	Rob Walker
Bruce Joliffe	Kevin Fort	Robin Annschild
Carrina Maslovat	Laura Matthias	Ross Vennesland
Carolyn MacDonald	Leanne Blackwood	Simone Runyan
Christian Engelstoft	Louise Blight	Sue Askew
Christina Waddle	Louise Waterhouse	Susan Blundell
Conan Webb	Lucy Bashford	Susan Fisher
Dan Chervil	Lynn Atwood	Susan MacIsaac
Darren Copley	Marilyn Fuchs	Suzanne Beauchesne
Dave Polster	Marlow Pellatt	Suzanne Murray
David Clements	Marta Donovan	Suzie Lavallee
Deirdre Bruce	Matt Fairbairns	Ted Lea
Don Eastman	Melissa Noel	Terry McIntosh
Don Closson	Michelle Gorman	Thomas Munsen
Duncan Morrison	Mike Hooper	Tim Ennis
Fred Hook	Mike Meagher	Todd Golumbia
Gail Adrienne	Mike Miller	Todd Kohler
Geoff Scudder	Moralea Milne	Tom Gillespie
Gerry Allen	Nick Page	Tracy Cornforth
Hal Gibbard	Nicole Kroeker	Tracy Fleming
Irvin Banman	Pam Wesley	Trudy Chatwin
James Miskelly	Pat Boyle	Ze'ev Gedalof
Jan Kirkby	Patrick Lilley	

Recovery goals

Long-term goals

Establish a network of Garry oak and associated ecosystem sites and landscape linkages

Improve and secure the status of all species at risk in Garry oak and associated ecosystems in Canada so that they are no longer at risk of extinction

Short-term objectives

Develop the information base necessary for ecosystem and species recovery

Protect and manage sites and species at risk to minimize immediate losses of ecosystems and species

Motivate public and private protection and stewardship activities by supplying critical information to appropriate audiences

Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team

209-606
Courtney Street
Victoria, BC
V8W 1B6
Tel: 250-383-3427
Email: info@goert.ca
Web: www.goert.ca
Registered charity
#843007816RR0001



Photo by Chris Junck



Photo by Chris Junck

More Highlights

Communications and Outreach

Held our annual Research Colloquium, drawing nearly 100 participants from BC, ON, WA and OR. Proceedings are available at www.goert.ca/research.

Held a native plant workshop for the "green thumb" trade, including development industry representatives, golf course and university groundskeepers, landowners, conservation groups and consultants.

Held 8 seminars, workshops and meetings with local governments and First Nations, including a workshop and field trip for Cowichan Tribes (see www.goert.ca/news/cowichan-tribes). Meetings or seminars were also held with Beecher Bay First Nation, City of Victoria, Islands Trust, City of Nanaimo, and the District of North Cowichan.

Provided information at more than 20 other workshops, site visits, meetings, conferences and events.

Distributed 400 brochures, 3500 flyers, and 4450 *Garry Oak Gardener's Handbooks*.

There were 26,000 downloads of resources from our website.

New publications and resources

(available at www.goert.ca)
New pages were added to our species at risk field manual for the following 4 species: *Lupinus oreganus* ssp. *kincaidii*, *Carex tumulicola*, *Lasthenia glaberrima*, and *Uropappus lindleyi*.

New pages were added to our invasive species field manual for the following 6 species: *Alliaria petiolata*, *Centaurea biebersteinii* & *C. nigra*, *Senecio jacobaea* & *S. vulgaris* and *Soliva sessilis*.

Held a workshop to gather input on the development of our *Compendium of Garry Oak Ecosystems Restoration* (to be completed summer of 2011).



Photo by Chris Junck

Thank you GOERT Society members for your support in 2009-10

Chris Adams
Anne Anderson
Irvin Banman
Lucy Bashford
Robb Bennett
Louise Blight
Graham Booth
Jeffrey Boron
Patricia Boyle
Neil Boyle
Todd Carnahan
Adolf Ceska
Oluna Ceska
Trudy Chatwin
Heather Chatwin
Darren Copley
Claudia Copley
Tracy Cornforth
Brenda Costanzo
Al Craighead
Guy Dauncey
Brittany Dewar
Todd Doherty
Matt Fairbarns
Tracy Fleming
Ruth Frick
Marilyn Fuchs
Lisa Furlong
Hal Gibbard
Tom Gillespie

Thiago Gomes
Michelle Gorman
Louise Goulet
Rob Hagel
Susan Hannon
Richard Hebda
Fred Hook
Jeanne Illingworth
Tyler Johns
Pat Johnston
Chris Junck
Jan Kirkby
Ilana Kronick
Rob Lawrance
Ted Lea
Angela Lougheed
Carolyn MacDonald
Carolyn Masson
Deanna Mathewson
Marian McCoy
David McPhie
Mike Meagher
James Miskelly
Alison Moran
Jonathan Moran
Judy Muir
Thomas Munson
Nurun Nahar
Tamao Nakashima
Mayumi Nogami

Anne Parkinson
Jillayne Peers
Aimee Pelletier
Briony Penn
Dave Polster
Raj Prasad
June Pretzer
Jennifer Psyllakis
Brian Reader
Dean Rebneris
Pilar Rodriguez-Gomez
Betsy Rose
Andrea Schiller
Dorothea Siegler
Genevieve Singleton
Adrian Small
Shyanne Smith
Fran Spencer
Brian Starzomski
Adam Taylor
Charles Thirkill
Wendy Tyrrell
Rob Underhill
Joel Ussery
Kersti Vaino
Linny D. Vine
Rob Walker
Conan Webb
Tom Wheeler
Ron Wilson
Colleen Wilson



Photo by Emily Gonzales

Thank you to our funders and donors

Government

Parks Canada
Habitat Stewardship Program
BC Ministry of Environment
Public Conservation Assistance Fund

Foundations

Mountain Equipment Co-op
Real Estate Foundation
VanCity enviroFund

Many thanks

to all the individual donors (names withheld for privacy) who have provided much-needed and valued support. Your contributions are critical to our success.

Board of Directors 2009-2010

Adriane Pollard
(Co-Vice Chair)
Andrew Harcombe
(Director)
Brian Reader
(Recovery Team Chair and ex officio Director)
Carolyn MacDonald
(Co-Vice Chair)
Dave Polster
(Chair, Oct 09-Mar 10)
Hal Gibbard
(Director)
Jan Kirkby
(Director)
Jennifer Psyllakis
(Secretary/Treasurer)
Matt Fairbarns
(Chair Apr - Sept 09)
Patricia Boyle
(Director)
Terry Rachwalski
(Treasurer)