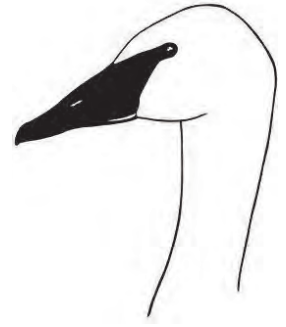




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THE TRUMPETER SWAN SOCIETY 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

The story of the Trumpeter Swan recovery and restoration is one of the most remarkable in North American conservation history. You are part of that remarkable story. Because of your support, for more than 45 years The Trumpeter Swan Society (TTSS) has been a tireless advocate and partner in the restoration and conservation of wild Trumpeter Swans across the North American continent.

TTSS is recognized as the continent's leading authority on Trumpeter Swans. We are the only entity in North America that focuses on swan conservation all of the time. **Thank you for your committed and loyal support!**

Our 2013 program updates and accomplishments include:

Pacific Flyway:

We continued long-term efforts with our partners on the reduction of lead poisoning from ingestion of lead shot in Washington and British Columbia. Power line collision mitigation continued with special support from Puget Sound Energy. We completed our swan surveys for a 3rd year in response to a lead poisoning spike in the Sequim, Washington, area. Because of federal budget issues, there was significantly less funding to complete lead mitigation, especially at Judson Lake, which straddles the border between Washington and British Columbia. Lead poisoning has resulted in the deaths of over 2,500 swans in recent years. We continued to work with over 100 other conservation groups to encourage the US government to require that all sporting ammunition and fishing tackle be lead-free.

Farmland conservation is extremely important for wintering Trumpeters in the Pacific Northwest. About 85 percent of Trumpeters wintering in Washington are dependent on habitat provided by dairy farms. We are involved in public education and networking to help create land-use policies that conserve wildlife habitat and farms.



Trumpeter Swans have made a comeback in Montana. Photo by Carey Smith

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Oregon Trumpeter Swan Restoration:

Our Oregon Trumpeter Swan Enhancement Project continued its success in 2013. We continued to assist Malheur National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)-Oregon, Turnbull NWR-Washington, and Ruby Lake NWR-Nevada, with Trumpeter conservation. Nearly 60 National Wildlife Refuges throughout the US provide habitat for Trumpeters sometime during the year.

Greater Yellowstone Initiative and Area:

The Greater Yellowstone area is home to the continent's most vulnerable Trumpeter Swan population. Cygnets were produced in Yellowstone National Park in 2013, as they were in 2012, which is positive news since there was no nesting in 2011.

TTSS was a partner in a new Trumpeter release project started in the Teton Basin in Idaho with the release of five 70-day-old cygnets. This was the first release in a 4-year program approved by the Pacific Flyway Council to develop a new nesting area in eastern Idaho. The goals include enhancing habitat for nesting and summer use by adults and increasing connectivity between northern areas and southern Idaho. We persuaded a local power company to mark power lines bordering an important winter roost area on the Henry's Fork River. TTSS reprinted the classic *History, Ecology and Management of the Rocky Mountain Population of Trumpeter Swans (1931-86)* by Shea, Garton, and Ball to make a significant amount of data and analysis more readily available to biologists and managers.

TTSS worked to improve coordination of grayling (a rare native fish) and Trumpeter Swans on Red Rock Lakes NWR and elsewhere in Montana's Centennial Valley. Grayling may be listed as Threatened or Endangered within the next year and some of the actions that have been proposed to benefit grayling could cause significant damage to swan habitat in the Centennial Valley. We researched the history of grayling decline in Montana dating back to the late 1800s and found a great deal of significant new information. Our findings have been submitted to the US Fish and Wildlife Service. We are hopeful that our data will provide a basis for more effective grayling restoration and minimize negative impacts to the Centennial Valley Trumpeters.

Interior Population:

The Interior Population continued its remarkable growth. Iowa is a recent success story. During the period 1884-1997, there were no nesting pairs in the state. However, the Iowa Trumpeter Swan restoration program, run by Iowa DNR, reports there were 45 nesting pairs in 2013, with sustainable numbers now close to being reached in north-central and east-central Iowa.

TTSS's continuing goal for the Interior Population is expansion of migration to southern wintering grounds and secure high quality migration and wintering habitat. We continued our work with the Mississippi, Central, and Atlantic Flyways to revise the Management Plan for the Interior Population of Trumpeter Swans and address the continuing expansion.



Dave Hoffman from Iowa Department of Natural Resources' TS Restoration program, introduces a Trumpeter Swan to an enthralled audience. Photo by Jake Waddingham, Creston News Advertiser

2013 GIFTS OF LOVE AND HONOR

“Sandy Mitchell was very kind. She had a true love and real passion for swans. When she saw them, she savored every movement they made, thoroughly soaking up the experience.” -Beverly Kingdon, Ontario Trumpeter Swan Restoration Group.



Dave Mitchell, Sandra Mitchell’s husband, honored her memory and her love of swans, with a memorial gift to The Trumpeter Swan Society in 2013. Sandra was an active conservationist and ambassador for nature. She shared her abiding love of animals and plants with her husband, Dave. Together, they established an all-natural, environmentally friendly insect control business in Stevensville, Ontario. As a TTSS member, Dave continues their shared passion for swans and is particularly concerned about the lethal impact of lead poisoning in birds of all kinds.

The Abel family generously donated memorial tributes for Arthur Abel, father of Becky Abel, TTSS Associate Director. The Greater Polson Community Foundation honored Dale Becker’s contribution to their community with a donation in his name in 2013.

We are so grateful for these gifts of love and honor supporting our swan conservation efforts. Thank you.

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Coordination and Advocacy:

As in past years, TTSS advocated for the continued rangewide communications and coordination of Trumpeter Swan surveys and conservation activities throughout North America. This included attendance at Flyway Council meetings, an update at the National Flyway Council Meeting at the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference, and other key meetings.

TTSS also continued discussions with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Canadian Wildlife Service, and all four Flyway Councils about the upcoming **2015 North American Trumpeter Swan Survey**. This survey is the official population assessment tool and is conducted every 5 years. Funding and use of consistent techniques is always an issue.



Ontario has seen the successful comeback of the Trumpeter Swan thanks to dedication of many including The Ontario Trumpeter Swan Restoration Group. Photo by Burl Garface

Outreach and Education:

In 2013, TTSS continued planning for the 5th International Swan Symposium and 23rd Trumpeter Swan Society Conference held in Easton, Maryland, in early 2014, requesting research papers from swan experts around the world, and raising conference support funds through sponsorships and other donations.

Operations and Administration:

The Trumpeter Swan Society began a significant transition period in 2013 as John Cornely announced his desire to step down as Executive Director on 31 December and take a new voluntary position as Senior Conservation Advisor. John remains very active with TTSS and will continue to be so for the foreseeable future. He will continue to be the primary liaison with government agencies and work on special projects enhancing our program capabilities.

We continued the diversification of our Board of Directors with the addition of Carey Smith, former Pacific Coast Joint Venture Coordinator, who worked for the US Fish and Wildlife Service for more than 36 years; Sara Street, the Executive Director of Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre, a Canadian nonprofit in Ontario actively involved in Trumpeter restoration; Jeff Nelson, former CEO of Ducks Unlimited Canada, now working for the World Wildlife Fund in Montana; and Dave Hoffman, a wildlife research technician with Iowa Department of Natural Resources, who has been involved with DNR's Trumpeter Swan restoration program since 1995.



*All we have accomplished has been
because of your generous support.
Thank you!*

Long-term Administrative Assistant, Lynn Lovett, resigned in the fall of 2013 to spend more time on other activities. Lynn provided excellent support for many years, often going above and beyond the call of duty to help the staff keep the organization advancing. Lynn will be missed. TTSS was very fortunate to hire Mary Gillette to take over Lynn's responsibilities with very little delay.

Our membership challenge match program continued in 2013 funded by one of our Directors. We purchased our first membership data management system and began its installation, increasing our fundraising capability and streamlining our administrative workload.

Our success in assuring the vitality and welfare of wild Trumpeter Swans is because of your ongoing and loyal support. We thank you, all of our donors and supporters, who made 2013 a year of many successes. While there is more work to be done, we know all we have accomplished has been because of your generous support. Thank you!

THANK YOU, FRIENDS, FOR YOUR YEARS OF SUPPORT!

We cannot accomplish all we do without your financial and in-kind support. It is because of you, Trumpeter Swans have made a successful comeback in so many areas of the continent. We celebrate our 2013 donors and your loyal support. Thank you!

2013 Financial Statement

Balance Sheet December 31, 2013		Income Statement December 2013	
Assets:		Revenue	
Current Assets	\$ 56,611	Grants	\$112,220
Other Assets	<u>\$115,134</u>	Donations	\$ 73,920
Total Assets	\$171,745	Other	<u>\$ 4,789</u>
Liabilities & Equity		Total	\$190,929
Open. Balance Equity	\$ 8,245	Expenses	
Temp. Rest. Net Assets	\$96,435	Program	\$109,938
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$22,917	Fundraising	\$ 15,879
Net Income	<u>\$44,148</u>	Management	<u>\$ 20,964</u>
Total Equity	\$171,745	Total	\$146,781

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"It is a privilege to serve the Society for such a long period!"

Winston E. Banko

Left: Another Trumpeter Swan success story is Wyoming's Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge. In the winter of 2013-14, more than 300 Trumpeter Swans were reported on the refuge. Photo by Tom Koerner

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*The Yukon is home to a thriving population of Trumpeter Swans which return to breed in early spring.
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Swans at Monticello, Minnesota, where more than one thousand congregate each winter to the delight of visitors. Photo by Arnie Fredrickson

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The Iowa Trumpeter Swan restoration program is a true success story with 45 nesting pairs in 2013. Photo by Dave Hoffman

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The Greater Yellowstone area contains the continent's most vulnerable Trumpeter Swan population. Photo by Jess Lee

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***Thank you for your
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UPDATE ON THE 2015 SWAN SURVEY

The North American Trumpeter Swan Survey was first conducted in 1968 and since 1975, has been completed every 5 years. It serves as a cooperative rangewide survey that monitors the status of Trumpeter Swans on the continent, involving the coordinated effort of federal, state, and provincial agencies, nongovernmental agencies, and private volunteers across the United States and Canada. It is recognized as the only population assessment tool able to advise swan managers and biologists on the status of Trumpeters throughout their range.

...the committee developed a series of recommendations regarding the survey objectives...

In recent years, limited budgets and competing priorities at the federal and state level have challenged biologists and administrators in providing the necessary support for its completion. In 2010, a significant redesign of the survey in Alaska and portions of Canada helped optimize effort and reduce all costs, including logistical costs. Other cooperators, however, found it difficult to meet survey objectives, and questioned their ability to participate in future surveys. The next survey is scheduled for 2015.

In response to these ever-increasing difficulties and challenges, an international Trumpeter Swan steering committee was created within the existing Flyway Council structure. This six-member committee includes the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Canadian Wildlife Service, state agencies, and The Trumpeter Swan Society (TTSS), and involves other flyway points of contacts and associates in the United States and Canada. Bob Blohm, member of TTSS Board of Directors, represents the Society on the steering committee. TTSS strongly recommended this approach following the completion of the 2010 survey.

The committee was charged with (1) facilitating the planning and coordination of the 2015 survey; and (2) conducting a comprehensive review of the survey to ensure that it is cost-effective, technically sound, and meets current management needs and objectives.



Ontario leucistic swan H11 with her first brood of cygnets. Photo by Anne Kramar

To date, the committee has participated in a series of conference calls, focusing on its short-term responsibility with regard to the 2015 survey. Following these discussions, the committee developed a series of recommendations regarding the survey objectives and the types of data that should be collected in 2015, along with identified funding needs prioritized by survey region.

These recommendations were presented to the Flyway Councils at their summer meetings in July and should be instrumental in guiding decisions of agency administrators and cooperators in support of the 2015 survey.

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The Ontario Trumpeter Restoration Group actively monitors their swan population and shares sightings, threats, and updates with each other. Photo by Anne Kramar

We warmly welcome TTSS Board Members Dave Hoffman and Carl Woodward
 (learn more about them in our next issue of *Trumpetings*).

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Iowa Trumpeter Swan. Photo by Ron Andrews