



## Western Purple Martin Foundation

Yes,  
I want to help!



# SAVE OUR MARTINS

### Our Mission

- To restore and conserve the Western Purple Martin population in BC
- To return these martins to nesting sites in natural forest & freshwater habitats
- To eliminate the human intervention currently required for martin survival in BC



### What We Are Doing

- **Building** on over two decades of success.
- **Focusing** on the BC martin population and the volunteers that make their continued existence possible.



- Implementing a **feasible solution** - recovery program is working.
- **Preserving species diversity**, a vital challenge with so much habitat loss & degradation.



- Doing the **research** for a **sustainable solution** for the reintroduction to natural habitat.

You can be a **KEY PLAYER** in the work of the **Western Purple Martin Foundation** :

as a **MEMBER**

Our Board comes from those in the community who share our commitment to the conservation of the western Purple Martin.

as a **VOLUNTEER**

The on-going success of the recovery program depends on the dedication of our many caring volunteers.

as a **DONOR**

Many caring individuals, corporations and foundations have provided financial support for our work.

As a federally registered charity, we will issue tax receipts for donations of \$25 or more.  
Tax number: 80446 8346 RR0001

Please **CONTACT US** for more information or send your donation to:

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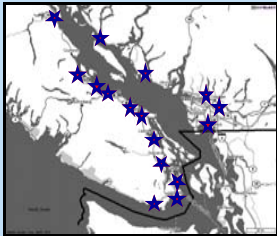
# HELP NOW ...

## Western Purple Martins - Need Your Help!

For over 200,000 years, these large swallows have made coastal BC their summer home...



but we almost lost them in 1985  
--only 5 breeding pairs remained!



**True Western Canadians**  
--genetically distinct from their eastern cousins and found only around the Strait of Georgia.

**Endurance flyers**--they winter in South America and return every spring – a 20,000 km round trip.

**Real survivors**--some martins have made this trip for 11 years!



**Homeless**--we destroyed their natural nesting habitat through our land clearing activities.



**Important sentinels**--Purple Martins provide an early warning of the impacts of climate change.

## Purple Martins are At Risk

Due to **nesting habitat destruction** these birds are totally dependent on man-made nest boxes and human support.

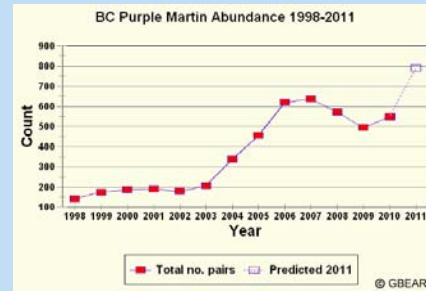


**Rain, wind, and cold temperatures can kill** chicks and adults — martins are extremely vulnerable to variations in weather.

Although our **successful volunteer driven recovery program** increased the BC population to 635 pairs by 2007,

### They are still in danger!

Extended bad weather in 2008 caused a 10% decrease in number of adult pairs and a 40% loss of nestlings.



**Working together**, we can ensure the survival of these unique BC residents!



## How you can help!

**At Risk**—BC's Purple Martins need your help to survive.

Your **donation** will help us to re-introduce BC Purple Martins back into their remaining **natural nesting habitat**.

### Donation Form

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Donation:

\$500 \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

\$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail this form and your cheque or money order to:**

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