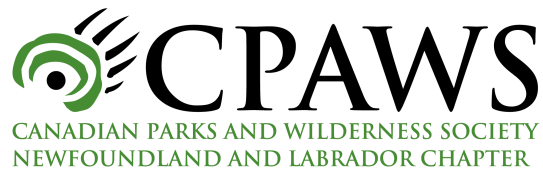




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The summer has finally arrived, and here in Newfoundland and Labrador it's the season of puffins, whale watching, and getting outside to enjoy all that this beautiful province has to offer! We're looking ahead at another busy field season - read on to learn more.

Puffin Patrol Registration Opens July 15th!



The countdown is on: less than two weeks until volunteer registration for the 2026 Puffin Patrol opens! We'll be posting about it on our website and social media channels, so stay tuned for information on how to sign up.

Local residents from Bay Bulls, Witless Bay, Mobile, Tors Cove, Burnt Cove, St. Michael's, and Bauline **do not need to register!**

[Learn more about the Puffin Patrol here!](#)

Exciting News for Indigenous-led Conservation

Congratulations to Miawpukek First Nation on their incredible achievement in advancing the Bay du Nord as an Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area within their traditional territory.

We celebrate the leadership, vision, and dedication that made this milestone possible, and applaud MFN's commitment to stewarding

these lands and waters for future generations. CPAWS-NL is grateful for the opportunity to support MFN in their vision for Bay du Nord and the protection of culturally and ecologically significant lands and waters.

Congratulations to Chief and Council, the Natural Resources Department, and the entire community!

[Read more here.](#)

Welcome Max, our new Conservation Projects Assistant



Max's love of nature and being outside started when she was only a few years old. After years working in the family run sustainable landscaping business, Max set out to pursue a college diploma in Fish & Wildlife.

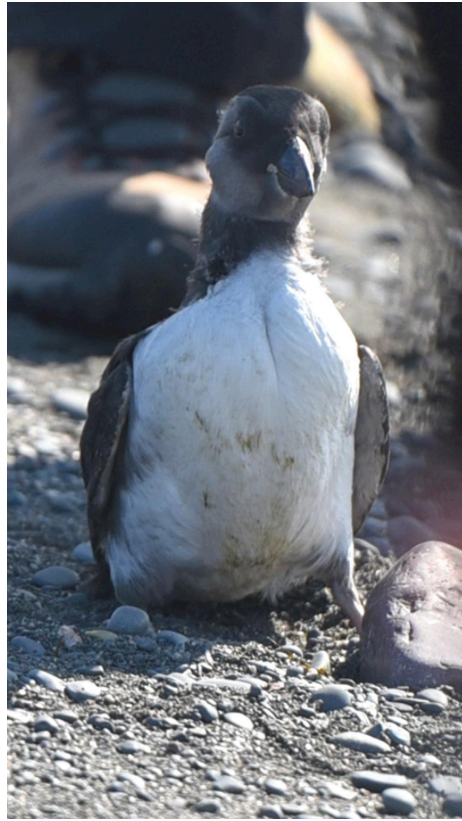
After graduating, Max chose to continue education obtaining her GIS Specialist Post Diploma and Forest Resource Technician Diploma. After working a few summers for the Canadian Forest Services learning how to fly various drones, she moved into the forestry industry focusing on drone-based data acquisition including LiDAR and Photogrammetry. Now she lives in the St. Johns area enjoying the beautiful natural splendour the Avalon has to offer.

Species Spotlight: Atlantic Puffin

About 95% of all North America's puffins breed around the Newfoundland and Labrador coasts, and the largest puffin colony in the western Atlantic

(225,000 pairs) can be found at the Witless Bay Ecological Reserve.

Most people know a puffin only when it's "dressed up" for the breeding season, but it looks much plainer in the winter! After the breeding season ends, the puffin sheds the colourful plates on its bill and around the eyes. Its face becomes dark, especially around the eye.



Each year females lay one egg, and the parents take turns incubating the egg for 36 - 45 days. A few months after hatching, the pufflings are ready for their first flight out to sea! They leave their burrows at night and use the moon and stars for navigation. On cloudy nights, they may confuse city lights for the stars and fly towards them, leaving them stranded and confused on land. Puffin Patrol was started to help these lost pufflings return to the safety of the waters!

As always, feel free to reach out with any questions that you may have. For information on how to [volunteer](#) or make a [donation](#), visit our website at cpawsnl.org! Also, if you're interested in keeping up to date on what's new and exciting at CPAWS-NL follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#) for regular updates.



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