

Dr. Branimir Gjetvaj is a Saskatoon-based biologist, photography instructor and internationally published environmental photographer specializing in natural history and western Canadian landscapes. He holds a Ph.D. in genetics from Queen's University, a Master's degree in genetics from Dalhousie University, and a Master of Sustainable Environmental Management degree from the University of Saskatchewan. His research and personal interests are at the intersection of land use, biodiversity conservation and food security. Influenced by his environmental and agroecology training, Branimir is passionate about supporting biodiversity through wider adoption of nature-based climate solutions in agriculture.

Branimir is a former president of Nature Saskatchewan, has served on the board of directors of several environmental non-government organizations (NGOs), and as an appointed member to the University of Saskatchewan Senate. He frequently contributes his photographic skills to local NGOs with the aim to promote the appreciation and protection of natural environments and cultural legacies. In 2013 Branimir was recognized by the Canadian Environmental Law Association for extensive contribution to environmental NGOs, and for using his photography to advance nature conservation. He published two award-winning books on prairie conservation: *The Great Sand Hills: A Prairie Oasis* (create link to <http://branimirphoto.ca/great-sand-hills-book>) and the *Islands of Grass* (create link to <http://branimirphoto.ca/islands-of-grass-book>). As a Croatian Canadian, Branimir aspires to bring multicultural perspectives to nature conservation and reimagining the food systems on the Prairies. He is proud of his culture, heritage and ancestral connection with the land.