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NEWS RELEASE

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Meewasin's Pelican Watch Contest Returns! March 5, 2025

The feel-good contest of the year is back again to get you excited for spring! Guess the arrival time of the first pelican's return to the Weir for your chance to win some great prizes!

Saskatoon residents have special visitors every spring and summer. April through October, pelicans gather by the Meewasin Riverworks Weir. These birds, once on the endangered species list, have been a beautiful sight on the South Saskatchewan River in Saskatoon since the late 1970's. For Saskatoon residents, their arrival is a harbinger of spring. Follow along on our social media for fun facts about pelicans through March!

*In the past 25 years, the earliest and latest arrival dates of the pelicans have been:
April 2 at 6:25 p.m. and April 21 at 11:48 a.m.*

"The return of the American White Pelican is always a highlight of spring in Saskatoon. These incredible birds remind us of the importance of conservation and the success that can come from dedicated efforts to protect wildlife and their habitats. Pelican Watch is a fun way for the community to engage with nature, celebrate the season, and learn more about the role these birds play in our ecosystem." – Renny Grilz, Resource Management Officer, Meewasin.

Enter online at www.meewasin.com from March 1 until March 31. Entry is FREE and limited to one guess per person. Contest closes March 31, 2025, or earlier, dependent upon arrival of the first pelican, as observed by the Saskatoon Nature Society. Multiple prizes are available!

For more information, contact Meewasin at 306-665-6887 or email meewasin@meewasin.com

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About Meewasin Valley Authority

The Meewasin Valley Authority exists to ensure a healthy and vibrant river valley, with a balance between human use and conservation by:

- *Providing leadership in the management of its resources;*
- *Promoting understanding, conservation and beneficial use of the Valley; and*
- *Undertaking programs and projects in river valley development and conservation, for the benefit of present and future generations.*

There are 67 square kilometers of land and over 105+km of established trail, which has seen up to 2.32 million trail visits per year, in the Meewasin Valley. The area also features sites that help people to connect to nature through

experiences such as Beaver Creek Conservation Area, the Northeast Swale, Saskatoon Natural Grasslands, the River Landing Spray Area, and the Cameco Meewasin Skating Rink @Nutrien Plaza. Meewasin is a non-profit organization that relies on donations and volunteers for sustainability. To get involved or learn more visit www.meewasin.com

