

Acting locally!



To learn more about Important Bird & Biodiversity Areas and to find one near you, please visit www.ibacanada.ca

Important Bird & Biodiversity Areas in British Columbia

Thinking globally,



Photo: Ed McDonald

Photo: A.M. Beemer

Grasslands in BC's southern interior support numerous species at risk.

Sage Thrasher



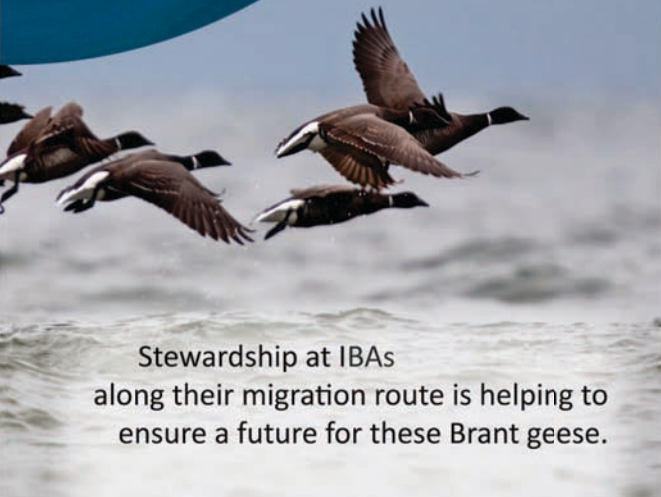
Trumpeter Swan. Photo: Ian Routley

The Important Bird & Biodiversity Areas Program of BirdLife International brings people around the world together, to identify, monitor and conserve exceptional places for birds and nature.



Brant Photo: Tom Middleton

Every spring, Brant geese migrate from Mexico to Alaska to breed (Black area), making just a few stops on the way (Red areas). Coastal BC is a crucial stopover, where Brant re-fuel on eel grass (map courtesy Sean Boyd, Environment Canada).



Stewardship at IBAs along their migration route is helping to ensure a future for these Brant geese.

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Photo: Tom Middleton



BC's Important Bird & Biodiversity Areas

Important Bird & Biodiversity Areas provide birds with secure habitat for overwintering and nesting, and safe places to rest and feed during migration.

Osprey Photo: Tom Middleton



More bird species breed in British Columbia (about 320) than anywhere else in North America except Texas.

Photo: Tom Middleton



Hundreds of thousands of Western Sandpipers can be seen feeding and resting in the Fraser River Estuary IBA each spring during their annual migration north.

Photo: Rob Tizard



Tufted Puffins nest in BC's largest seabird colony at Scott Islands IBA.

Photo: Tom Middleton



The tiny Rufous Hummingbird migrates 8,500 km each year between Mexico and BC where it breeds.

Photo: Dick Cannings



The rare Flammulated Owl can be found at Chilcotin Junction IBA where it nests in tree cavities.

Coastal IBAs provide important overwintering habitat for Surf Scoters and many other ducks & marine birds.

Photo: Ralph Hoekstra



IBAs provide habitat for other wildlife, like sea lions, at Snake Island IBA.

Photo: Tom Middleton



Getting Involved

Volunteer Caretakers and others are making a difference as the eyes, ears and hands on the ground to conserve our Important Bird Areas. There are many ways you can participate in bird conservation. Join your local Nature Club or visit www.bcnature.ca to learn more!

Checking nestboxes at White Lake IBA helps local Caretakers and others monitor birds and their habitat.



Conducting a Coastal Waterbird Survey at Tofino Mudflats IBA.



See www.ebird.ca to submit your bird counts or www.birdscanada.org to learn about volunteer citizen science monitoring programs.

Attending an outing or nature festival like the Annual Bald Eagle Festival at Chehalis Estuary IBA to celebrate and learn more about local birds.



Explore BC's IBAs

Since 1985, over 200 countries have created a global network of more than 10,000 IBAs with almost 600 in Canada and more than 80 in BC! Here is a sample of IBAs to visit in BC:

Fraser River Estuary/Boundary Bay, Delta

- www.birdsonthebay.ca

English Bay-Burrard Inlet, Vancouver

- www.stanleyparkecology.ca

Squamish Estuary

- www.squamishenvironment.ca

Chehalis Estuary, Fraser Valley

- www.fraservalleybaldeaglefestival.ca

Active Pass, Mayne and Galiano Islands

- www.activepassiba.ca

Sidney Channel

- www.oceandiscovery.ca

Somenos Marsh, Duncan

- www.somenosmarsh.com

Little Qualicum Estuary to Nanoose Bay

- www.brantfestival.bc.ca

K'omoks, Courtenay/Comox

- www.comoxvalleynaturalist.bc.ca

Tofino Mudflats

- www.raincoasteducation.org

Vaseux Lake, Okanagan Falls

- www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks

Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area

- www.crestonwildlife.ca

Chilcotin Junction, Williams Lake

- www.williamslakefieldnaturalists.ca

Laskeek Bay, Haida Gwaii

- www.laskeekbay.org

Stuart, Tachie & Middle Rivers IBA, Fort St. James

Visit www.ibacanada.ca to see a complete list of IBAs in BC and the rest of Canada.

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