

# Best Places to Bird in British Columbia: A Captivating Guide for Birders and Nature Lovers

Immerse yourself in the extraordinary realm of birding in British Columbia, a haven for avian enthusiasts and nature lovers. This comprehensive guide unveils the best spots to witness the remarkable diversity of bird species that grace the province's pristine wilderness.

## Vancouver Island: A Coastal Birdwatcher's Haven

Vancouver Island is a birdwatcher's paradise, boasting over 450 species. Visit the renowned Robert Bateman Centre in Victoria to delve into the island's avian wonders. Explore the lush forests of the Cowichan Valley to spot warblers, vireos, and woodpeckers. Venture to the rugged west coast of Pacific Rim National Park Reserve at Long Beach to witness flocks of migrating shorebirds.



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## **The Fraser Valley: A Symphony of Birdsong**

The Fraser Valley, a fertile agricultural region, buzzes with bird activity. Head to the Kanaka Creek Regional Park in Maple Ridge to observe an array of waterfowl, raptors, and songbirds. Paddle along the serene Chilliwack River to spot majestic bald eagles soaring overhead. Explore the vast farmlands of Delta to witness thousands of wintering waterfowl, including snow geese, swans, and ducks.

Celebrating the Season of the Eagles and Salmon, for 21 years!

21<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**FRASER VALLEY  
 BALD EAGLE FESTIVAL**

**NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**

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Marvel at the majestic flight of bald eagles along the Chilliwack River.

## The Okanagan Valley: A Hotspot for Species Diversity

Nestled in the heart of British Columbia's interior, the Okanagan Valley showcases an impressive variety of birds. Visit the Vaseux Lake Bird Sanctuary to witness a concentration of waterfowl, including grebes, pelicans, and loons. Explore the semi-arid grasslands of the South Okanagan to spot burrowing owls, red-necked phalaropes, and sage thrashers. Venture

into the lush forests of Okanagan Mountain Provincial Park to observe nesting warblers, flycatchers, and thrushes.



### **The Central Coast: A Remote Avian Getaway**

Escape to the pristine wilderness of British Columbia's Central Coast for a truly secluded birding experience. Visit the Kyuquot Sound to witness pelagic species such as albatrosses, petrels, and puffins. Explore the remote inlets and bays to spot seabirds, including marbled murrelets and rhinoceros auklets. Venture into the towering forests of Tweedsmuir South Provincial Park to observe nesting bald eagles, peregrine falcons, and northern spotted owls.



Embark on a pelagic tour to witness majestic albatrosses and other seabirds.

### **The Northern Rockies: A Realm of Majestic Birds**

Nestled in the rugged northern reaches of British Columbia, the Rocky Mountains provide a breathtaking backdrop for birdwatching. Hike the trails of Mount Robson Provincial Park to spot golden eagles, Clark's nutcrackers, and mountain chickadees. Explore the alpine meadows of the Cariboo Mountains to witness nesting ptarmigans and rosy finches. Visit the remote Omineca Mountains to glimpse rare species such as harlequin ducks and white-tailed ptarmigans.



British Columbia beckons with an extraordinary array of birdwatching destinations, each promising a unique and unforgettable experience. Embark on a journey through the province's pristine wilderness and discover the remarkable diversity of avian life that graces its shores, forests, mountains, and grasslands. Immerse yourself in the symphony of birdsong and witness the breathtaking beauty of these feathered wonders.



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