

# Acting locally!



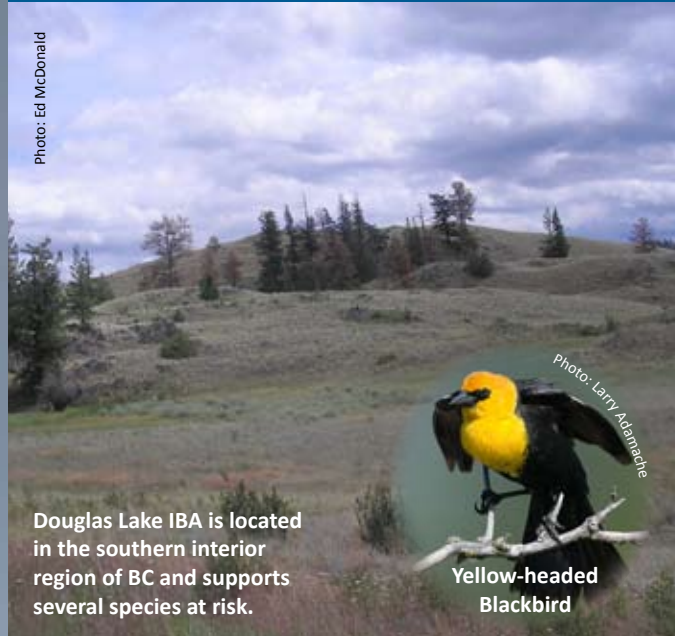
To learn more about Important Bird Areas and to find one near you, please visit [www.ibacanada.ca](http://www.ibacanada.ca)

## Important Bird Areas Program

# Thinking globally,



Photo: Ed McDonald



Douglas Lake IBA is located in the southern interior region of BC and supports several species at risk.

Yellow-headed Blackbird

Photo: Larry Abancho

Photo: Ian Routley



The International Important Bird Area Program 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).



The IBA Program in BC is a partnership program of:



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Photo: Krista England

Photo: Tom Middleton

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



# BC's Important Bird Areas

**Important Bird Areas (IBA's) in BC 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 Vaseux Lake IBA where it nests in tree cavities.

Photo: Ralph Hocken



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



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](http://www.bcnature.ca) to learn more!**

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



Photo: Dick Cannings

Conducting a Coastal Waterbird Survey at Tofino Mudflats IBA.



Photo: Karen Barry

See [www.ebird.org](http://www.ebird.org) to submit your bird counts or [www.birdscanada.org](http://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.



Photo: Kathy Stewart

# 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 close to 90 in BC! Here is a sample of IBAs to visit in BC:

- Fraser River Estuary/Boundary Bay, Delta
  - [www.birdsonthebay.ca](http://www.birdsonthebay.ca)
- Pacific Spirit Park, Vancouver
  - [www.pacificspiritparksociety.org](http://www.pacificspiritparksociety.org)
- Squamish Estuary
  - [www.squamishenvironment.ca](http://www.squamishenvironment.ca)
- Active Pass, Mayne and Galiano Islands
  - [www.activepassiba.ca](http://www.activepassiba.ca)
- Sidney Channel
  - [www.oceandiscovery.ca](http://www.oceandiscovery.ca)
- Somenos Marsh, Duncan
  - [www.somenosmarsh.com](http://www.somenosmarsh.com)
- Little Qualicum Estuary to Nanoose Bay
  - [www.brantfestival.bc.ca/index.php](http://www.brantfestival.bc.ca/index.php)
- Comox Valley
  - [www.comoxvalleynaturalist.bc.ca](http://www.comoxvalleynaturalist.bc.ca)
- Tofino Mudflats
  - [www.tofinomudflats.com](http://www.tofinomudflats.com)
- Chilcotin Junction, Williams Lake
  - [www.williamslakefieldnaturalists.ca](http://www.williamslakefieldnaturalists.ca)
- White Lake
  - [www.shim.bc.ca/soscp/index.cfm](http://www.shim.bc.ca/soscp/index.cfm)
- Chehalis Estuary, Fraser Valley
  - [www.fraservalleybaldeaglefestival.ca](http://www.fraservalleybaldeaglefestival.ca)
- Creston Valley Wildlife Management Area
  - [www.crestonwildlife.ca](http://www.crestonwildlife.ca)
- Laskeek Bay, Haida Gwaii
  - [www.laskeekbay.org](http://www.laskeekbay.org)
- Strathcona Provincial Park
  - [www.strathconapark.org](http://www.strathconapark.org)
- Stuart, Tachie & Middle Rivers IBA, Fort St. James

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