

BIARDING

map and guide



Birds of the Westside

How many birds can you spot? Use this guide to keep track of the different birds that you see on the Greater Westside (West Kelowna & Westbank First Nation). Each coloured circle represents an area on the map where you can see these species. Put an x over the circle once you have spotted the bird.



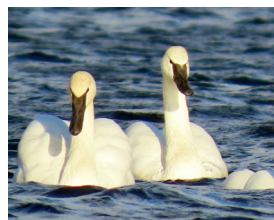
California Quail (C)
Callipepla californica

Often runs along ground in small groups.



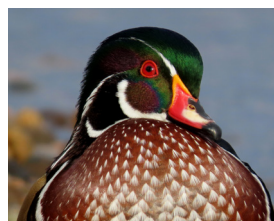
Spotted Sandpiper
Actitis macularius

The male incubates the eggs and takes care of the young.



Trumpeter Swan
Cygnus buccinator

Similar to Tundra Swan, but has deep orange at the base of their bill.



Wood Duck
Aix sponsa

Males have ornate colourful patterns.



Great Blue Heron
Ardea herodias

Adults stand over 3 feet high and weigh up to -6 pounds.



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Belted Kingfisher

Megasceryle alcyon

Usually solitary, perched along edges of streams and lakes.



Golden-crowned Kinglet

Regulus satrapa

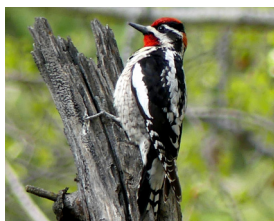
Found in conifer trees. Listen for high-pitched call notes.



Northern Shrike

Lanius borealis

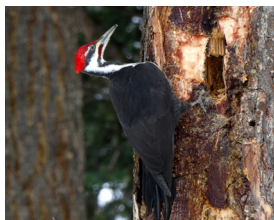
Usually seen perched on a snag or powerline.



Red-naped Sapsucker

Sphyrapicus nuchalis

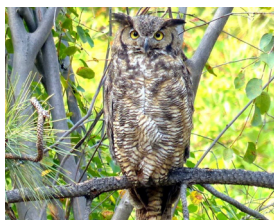
Drills rows of sap wells into tree bark. Irregular drumming.



Pileated Woodpecker

Dryocopus pileatus

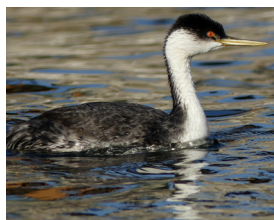
Large woodpecker, makes oval shaped holes in decaying trees.



Great Horned Owl

Bubo virginianus

Their strong talons require 28 pounds of force to open.



Western Grebe

Aechmophorus occidentalis

Long, thin, yellow bill with a black cap and red eyes.



Greater Yellowlegs

Tringa melanoleuca

Shorebird with bright yellow legs. Listen for 'tew tew tew' calls.



Lazuli Bunting

Passerina amoena

Breeding males have bright blue colour and orange breast.



Spotted Towhee

Pipilo maculatus

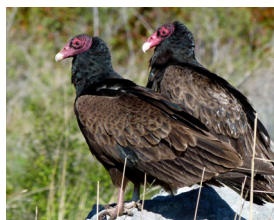
Large, long-tailed sparrow. Can be found in shrubby habitats.



Violet-green Swallow

Tachycineta thalassina

Can be seen in large flocks, often foraging over meadows.



Turkey Vulture

Cathartes aura

Raptor with a red head. Wobbles in flight.



Go to visitwestside.com/birding for more information about birds in the area.



Western Tanager

Piranga ludoviciana

Regularly visit flowers and feed on many types of berries.



What Bird Was That? Did you spot a bird that was not on this list? Use this space to write down descriptions or keep track of birds that you have seen.









Calliope Hummingbird



Selasphorus calliope

This is the smallest bird in North America at 3 inches long.



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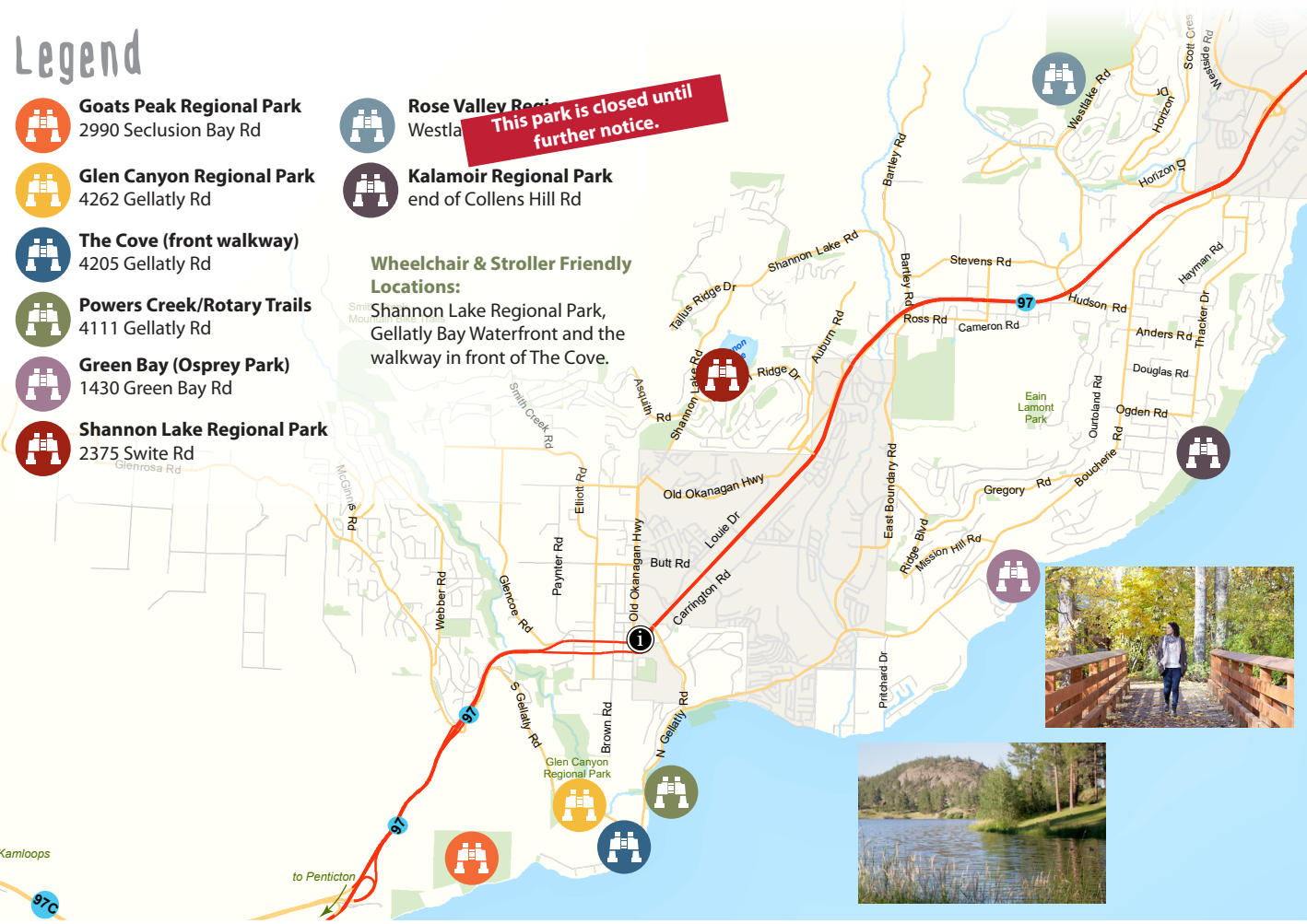
-  **Goats Peak Regional Park**
2990 Seclusion Bay Rd
-  **Glen Canyon Regional Park**
4262 Gellatly Rd
-  **The Cove (front walkway)**
4205 Gellatly Rd
-  **Powers Creek/Rotary Trails**
4111 Gellatly Rd
-  **Green Bay (Osprey Park)**
1430 Green Bay Rd
-  **Shannon Lake Regional Park**
2375 Swite Rd

-  **Rose Valley Regional Park**
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-  **Kalamo Regional Park**
end of Collens Hill Rd

Wheelchair & Stroller Friendly Locations:

Shannon Lake Regional Park, Gellatly Bay Waterfront and the walkway in front of The Cove.

This park is closed until further notice.

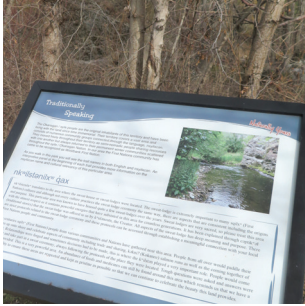


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nsyilxcən Trail markers



Did you know, nsyilxcən (n-see-yeel-x-sen) is the language of the syilx/Okanagan people? Many parks and trails on the Westside have trail markers that feature nsyilxcən language and stories about the plants and animals that inhabit the area. Stories are an important part of knowledge sharing in the syilx/Okanagan community as nsyilxcən is traditionally oral in its entirety.

When hiking on the Westside, be sure to stop at the trail markers and learn more about the people who have inhabited these lands since time immemorial.



Killdeer
Charadrius vociferus

Its 'broken wing' act lures intruders away from its nest.



Merlin
Falco columbarius

Small falcon that feeds on small birds, capturing them in mid-air.



Bullock's Oriole
Icterus bullockii

The male sings to defend its nesting territory.



Birds to Watch For

Over 240 species of birds have been identified on the Greater Westside (West Kelowna & Westbank First Nation) by local bird watchers, with some being more common than others. The best time of year to spot birds is when they are migrating (March - May and Sept - Oct), as this is when you will see a greater variety of species. Birds can be spotted year-round in the community.

Scan the QR Code and you will be taken to our website where we have a complete list of birds that have been spotted on the Westside, as well as, information on which birds you can see in each season.



Species that have been spotted

Raptors

- Bald Eagle
- Turkey Vulture
- Merlin
- Peregrine Falcon

Hummingbirds

- Anna's Hummingbird
- Calliope Hummingbird
- Black-chinned Hummingbird

Owls

- Western Screech-Owl
- Great Horned Owl
- Barred Owl
- Flammulated Owl
- Northern Saw-whet Owl

Woodpeckers

- Lewis's Woodpecker
- Pileated Woodpecker

Songbirds

- Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- Spotted Towhee
- Lark Sparrow
- Nashville Warbler

Sandpipers, Grebes & Waterfowl

- Western Grebe
- Long-billed Curlew
- Hooded Merganser
- Semipalmated Sandpiper
- Cinnamon Teal
- Ruddy Duck



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