



Bald Eagle

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Esquimalt Lagoon is a Migratory Bird S Environment Canad

Between October and April, the lagoon fills with hundreds of over species include Mallards, American Wigeon, Green-Winged Teal, L Scaup. Often present are Northern Shoveler, Lesser Scaup, Common necked Duck and Eurasian Wigeon. Many other shorebirds, gulls, b and the surrounding habitats on their way to winter feeding a

Red-winged Blackbird



Help Protect Lagoon Wildlife

- **Keep an appropriate distance from birds and other wildlife.** Wildlife are sensitive to disturbance from people and pets. Migrating birds need food energy to recharge for long flights and maintain their winter fitness. Interruption of their feeding by visitors to the lagoon can be very harmful. Please respect wildlife needs and keep an appropriate distance from them; if their behaviour changes as you approach, you are too close.
- **A healthy diet is important.** The healthiest diet for birds is supplied by nature. Bread has low nutritional value and can make birds sick. Repeat feeding harms birds as it habituates them to humans and decreases their ability to survive on their own. If you must feed the birds, please feed them grain.
- **Dogs and birds don't mix.** The lagoon shoreline is highly important bird habitat. Migrating shorebirds are particularly sensitive to dogs. Please keep dogs on a leash while in the Migratory Bird Sanctuary and do not let them chase birds.

White-crowned Sparrow

Songbirds also migrate through this area. While some such as the White-crowned Sparrow are here year-round, others including swallows and warblers arrive in the spring.



Brewer's Blackbird



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Birds of Prey of Esquimalt Lagoon



Sanctuary, protected by
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er-wintering ducks. The most common
Bufflehead, Northern Pintail, and Greater
on Goldeneye, Hooded Merganser, Ring-
birds of prey and songbirds visit the lagoon
areas and summer nesting grounds.



Osprey

Raptors can often be seen flying
over and fishing in the lagoon.

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**Mute Swan
(Adult & Juvenile)**

The Mute Swan is one of
several introduced species
to visit the lagoon.



Canada Goose

The population of Canada Geese in North
America has increased due to widespread
introductions. They are now present in many
areas, including Esquimalt Lagoon, all year
round.



Bufflehead



Green-winged Teal



American Coot

Coots are often found with ducks, but
are more closely related to grouse.



Ring-necked Duck



American Wigeon

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Mallard

