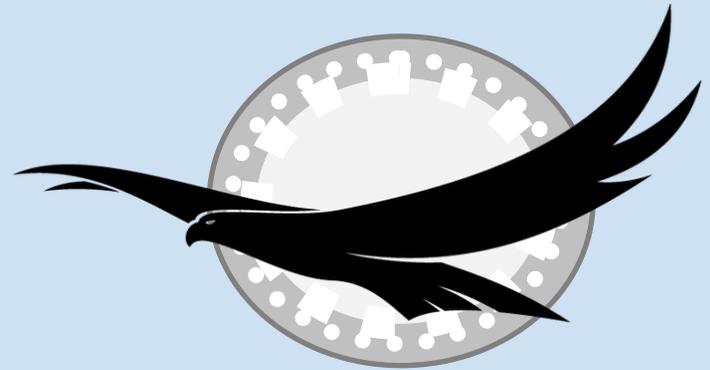


PASSPORT



to Birding

**in Lesser Slave Lake
Provincial Park**



Introduction

Birding locations on the map
(see the back of booklet)

Easy

These birds are very common in the area. Their pictures will be to the right.

Lesser Slave Lake Provincial Park is a bird watcher's paradise. Situated along a major migration route, the park includes a diverse range of habitats including boreal forest, wetlands and foothills. All of these healthy habitats are used by over 255 species of birds!

Challenging

Although less common, with some effort, you should be able to find these birds!

For the enjoyment of birders of all skill levels, we have created this "birding passport" to help you enjoy some of our favourite birding hotspots on your visit.

Difficult

These species have been observed, but may be hard to find.

We recommend that you use this passport with your other guides, such as The When and Where Checklist and Alberta Birds, available in the Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation gift shop.

Who to see

Record your bird finds!

For a complete check list of all the birds found in Lesser Slave Lake Provincial Park, check out the LSLBO.org website or stop in at the Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation.

Bird illustrations from Audubon



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Marten River Campground

- Yellow Warbler
- American Redstart
- Ovenbird
- Swainson's Thrush
- Yellowlegs (Lesser & Greater)
- Chestnut-sided Warbler
- Connecticut Warbler

If you are camping at Marten River Campground, you don't have to travel far for great bird watching! During spring and fall migration, the campground is teeming with beautiful songbirds as they travel on their way through Lesser Slave Lake Provincial Park.



Yellow Warbler



American Redstart

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Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation

- Eastern Phoebe
- White-throated Sparrow
- Warbling Vireo
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- Winter Wren
- Brown Creeper
- Western Tanager

Located in the centre of Lesser Slave Lake Provincial Park, the Boreal Centre is surrounded by boreal mixedwood forest. Enjoy the beautiful songs on the Songbird Trail, or head out on the Trans-Canada trail for your birding adventure. And of course, the knowledgeable staff can answer many of your birding questions.



Eastern Phoebe



White-throated Sparrow

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Ponds near the Boreal Centre

- Common Goldeneye
- Bufflehead
- Swamp Sparrow
- Common Yellowthroat
- Pied-billed Grebe
- Olive-sided Flycatcher
- Sora

Just south of highway 88 turnoff to the Boreal Centre for Bird Conservation, watch for a large series of ponds created by a very industrious beaver. A great site for spotting some of our elusive boreal wetland birds!



Common Goldeneye



Bufflehead

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Lesser Slave River & the Weir

- Forster's Tern
- Barn Swallow
- Cliff Swallow
- Common Tern
- Common Merganser
- Tree Swallow
- Osprey

A great place to fish, the Lesser Slave River and the weir are also great places to bird watch! Looking for swallows? This is the spot!



Forster's Tern



Barn Swallow

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6 Duck's Unlimited Pond (Devonshire Beach)

- Scaup (Lesser & Greater)
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Canvasback
- Common Snipe
- Northern Flicker
- American Bittern
- LeConte's Sparrow

Head south on the trail from the Devonshire Beach Parking lot and you will arrive at the Duck's Unlimited pond boardwalk. From there, you can head south to check out the old oxbow in your search for waterfowl, or hike north along the Whispering Sands Trail. There is great birdwatching during migration in the burnt over areas along the dunes.



Lesser Scaup



Greater Scaup



Red-winged Blackbird

3 Lesser Slave Lake Bird Observatory

- Myrtle (Yellow-rumped) Warbler
- Bald Eagle
- Canada Warbler
- Black-and-white Warbler
- Song Sparrow
- Lincoln's Sparrow
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Sora

Stop by the Lesser Slave Lake Bird Observatory to learn more about their bird conservation programs, and enjoy the amazing opportunity to see these tiny migratory birds up close. Then head off on the trails around the banding lab for some great birding. Stumped by that bird call? Just ask our banders for some advise!



Myrtle Warbler



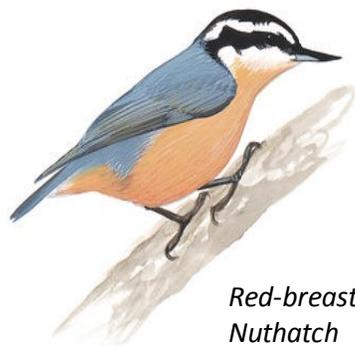
Bald Eagle

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Marten Mountain Lookout & Trails

- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- Magnolia Warbler
- Ruffed Grouse
- Golden Kinglet
- Slate-coloured (Dark-eyed) Junco
- Black-backed Woodpecker
- Gray Jay

Take the trip up Marten Mountain for the breathtaking view, and explore the special "Foothills" forest along the "Walk Through Time" trail. This lush old forest is home to many rare plant species as well as some very unique birds in the park.



Red-breasted Nuthatch



Magnolia Warbler

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Hike from Marten Mountain to Lily Lake

- Blue-headed Vireo
- Black-throated Green Warbler
- Solitary Sandpiper
- Bay-breasted Warbler
- Northern Waterthrush
- Varied Thrush
- Palm Warbler

Looking for an adventure? Head down this scenic trail to Lily Lake. Approximately 3 km one way, you will travel through lush old forest before arriving at the shores of Lily Lake. This hike is a true highlight for local residents and visitors alike.



Blue-headed Vireo



Black-throated Green Warbler

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