



Owls of Alberta



Wetland Ecology



Beaverhill Bird Observatory

WE VISIT YOU

COST:

\$150 per class or group, plus mileage to presentation site

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Owls of Alberta

Owls have fascinated people since the beginning of time. To some cultures owls are symbols of wisdom, while to others they are harbingers of doom. Learn about the adaptations owls have for hunting and flying at night and get to know the various kinds of owls that call Alberta home. Finally, learn about how biologists study these elusive birds.

This Box is For You - Nestbox Program

Have you ever wondered what kinds of birds use nest boxes? We will talk about the various birds that rely on cavities for nesting, and how you can help create homes for birds.

ADDITIONAL COST:

\$10/songbird box,
\$20/owl box if you wish to build nestboxes

Wetland Ecology

Wetlands are important because they act as natural sponges, absorbing water so it moves more slowly through the system. They are designed to filter out pollution, particularly nitrogen, phosphorous and heavy metals. We discuss what components make up a wetland, including the plants, animals, microorganisms and the water.

**Customized presentations
are also available.**

Call to find out how we can serve your needs.
More information is available at:

www.beaverhillbirds.com

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Songbird Banding Demonstration

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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The Beaverhill Bird Observatory is a non-profit charitable organization that promotes community interest in birds and the natural world through educational activities that fosters an appreciation for Beaverhill Lake and the natural history of Alberta.

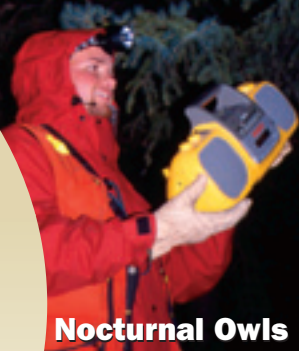
Our programs are flexible to accommodate various age groups. Contact us if you are interested in booking.



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Nocturnal Owls



Endangered Species



Nestbox Program



Birds of Prey

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Songbird Banding Demonstration

Come out to Beaverhill Bird Observatory on the south shore of Beaverhill Lake to observe bird banding. A short 20 minute walk along easy, well signed trails will lead groups to our lab nestled in the aspen trees. Learn about how and why bird banding is done. You will see birds up close and in hand. This program is weather dependent.

WHEN:

May-June, August-September, morning program

COST:

\$100 per class or group

Nocturnal Owl Survey

Nocturnal owls are captivating, they are silent fliers, have excellent hearing, and amazing eye sight. The Alberta Nocturnal Owl Survey needs volunteers to participate in owl surveys across Alberta. We can provide a training night for people interested in learning more

WHEN:

March-April, evening program

COST:

\$150 per class or group, plus mileage to site

Northern Saw-whet Owl Fall Migration

Few people are fortunate enough to see a wild owl up close. During the fall the Beaverhill Bird Observatory captures, measures and bands hundreds of these cool little birds. Join us for a fun-filled evening with the tiny Northern Saw-whet Owl.

WHEN:

September-October, evening program

COST:

\$150 per class or group

Raptor Nest Visit- Banding Demonstration

Have you ever wanted to see a young owl or hawk up close? You can join us when we visit a hawk or owl nest to observe banding the young birds up close. Come help a biologist in the field.

WHEN:

May-June, daytime or evening program

COST:

\$150 per class or group, plus mileage to site

This Box is For You - Nestbox Program

Have you ever wondered what kinds of birds use nest boxes. Come with us as we explore some songbird and/or owl nests. Find out why the nest boxes are placed where they are, and observe banding of birds up close.

WHEN:

May-July, daytime or evening program

COST:

\$150 per class or group, plus mileage to site

Wetland Ecology

Wetlands are some of the most productive ecosystems on earth. They also serve as natural filters for contaminants, and act as a natural recycler for nutrients. We will visit a local wetland to examine the features that make it a fully functioning system, from the plants, to the animals, to the microorganisms and the water.

WHEN:

May-September, daytime program

COST:

\$150 per class or group (at Beaverhill Lake), plus mileage if at another site

These programs can be offered throughout the year. These presentations are interactive and entertaining. We use PowerPoint presentations with pictures, video and animal sound files.

COST:

\$150 per class or group, plus mileage to presentation site

Bird Monitoring Techniques

A talk about how and why biologists study birds. Information on different field techniques like mist netting, nest site visits, banding, radio telemetry, and call playback techniques will be presented. See some of the interesting variety of birds we have in our backyards and learn about the local research that is going on to study them.

Birds of Prey and their Importance

Birds of prey (hawks, eagles, falcons, and owls) are an important part of the ecosystem. Find out why they are so important and get to know the various species that we have in Alberta. Discover why birds of prey are called 'umbrella species'. Also learn how biologists study this charismatic wildlife group.

Endangered Species

Plants and animals hold medicinal, agricultural, ecological, commercial, aesthetic and recreational values. We need to protect them and the habitats that they rely on. Join us for a presentation overviewing some of the endangered species of Alberta. Learn why these species are endangered, and what is being done to help them. Two case studies will be presented.