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## GUIDE TO FOUR SEASONS OF BIRDING

Richmond is one of BC's great birding capitals—an island city studded with unique, easy-access spotting opportunities. From winter visitors to a year-round rotation of raptors, shorebirds, waterfowl and more, the area's parks and shorelines host one of Canada's most diverse avian populations.

### SPRING

Spring is song bird season and Iona Beach Regional Park offers a good diversity of travelling birds. The various warblers, such as the tiny Wilson's Warbler, are bright flashes of yellow often associated with spring migration. The Western Tanager is another splash of colour that is worth seeking out.

### SUMMER

During the summer, the Common Yellowthroat, Black-headed Grosbeak, Rufous and Anna's Hummingbirds are all striking birds found at Iona Beach Regional Park.

For those willing to put in the extra effort, the shy Green Heron and the Willow Flycatcher can also be spotted. And watching hundreds of small Barn Swallows swooping back and forth, catching flies on the wing, is a special treat during the warm summer months.



SPRING  
WILSON'S  
WARBLER



SUMMER  
BARN  
SWALLOW

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## LEGEND

-  Iona Beach Regional Park
-  McDonald Beach Park
-  Minoru Park
-  Richmond Nature Park
-  Terra Nova Rural Park/  
West Dyke Trail
-  South Dyke Trail

This map highlights the areas in Richmond in which you can spot birds. Birding maps with a list of common and interesting birds of Richmond are available upon request.



### FALL BARROW'S GOLDENEYES



## FALL

During the transition from fall into winter, look offshore for a chance to see large numbers of Surf Scoters, Barrows Goldeneyes, and sleek Pacific Loons. If the time is right, you might be able to spot large flocks of Common Murres. For those who are hoping to catch a glimpse of the Western Sandpipers, Iona Beach is one of the best places in the province to see them.

## WINTER

Winter is best time to see raptors such as Short-eared Owls, Northern Harriers, and Rough-legged Hawks. With Canada's highest aggregation of overwintering raptors, the marshland of Terra Nova Rural Park and the open fields of the Sea Island Conservation Area are the go-to places to see a wide range of raptor species, including the American Kestrel. For those who are interested in the Great Blue Heron, you can easily spot them at most major parks in Richmond.

Winter is also a great time to see waterfowl. The chance to see thousands upon thousands of Northern Pintails, Snow Geese, and American Wigeons can be a draw for those looking to see large numbers of birds.

### WINTER SHORT-EARED OWL



Photography by: Stephen Lester: Anna's Hummingbird, Pascale Charland: Short-eared Owl, Christian Artuso: Wilson's Warbler.

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