

## OWL and WILDLIFE

### VIEWING and PHOTOGRAPHY



Enjoy watching and photographing owls, shorebirds, and other wildlife in the Fraser Estuary but keep them safe.

Many birds have migrated here for the winter.

Most owls are nocturnal, hunting at dusk and at night. They need to sleep and rest in the daytime; view owls only from a distance.

ALWAYS STAY ON THE DYKE to view and photograph owls and other wildlife.

Most of the land inside the dykes is private farmland; do not trespass there.

The land outside the dykes on the seaward side, such as at Boundary Bay and Brunswick Point, is a Provincial Wildlife Management Area and is a protected habitat.

Do NOT enter this tidal area as it causes disturbance to the habitat and the many birds and other animals that live there.

## REPORT HARASSMENT

Owls are a Provincial responsibility and are protected by the BC Wildlife Act. Many are also federally protected species.

Do not confront violators, just report them by calling RAPP at 1 877 952 7277 then select Option 1 and wait for a person to report the who, what, where, when details

or scan this QR code with your device to fill out the on-line form (select Violation type = Wildlife)



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# Owls of Delta

## Barn Owl

Barn Owls are year-round residents. They often live in barns and other farm buildings. Naturalists have put up nest boxes for them, and a few have web cams. Watch Barn Owls here: <https://fb.watch/99p9rvfLgg/>



## Long-eared Owl

Long-eared Owls are secretive and like to hide deep in a hedgerow, where they can be very hard to see. They must sleep in the daytime. Even standing and talking near their roost sites can be very stressful to them.



## Short-eared Owl

Short-eared Owls like open grassland habitats, where they catch voles and mice. Unlike other owls, they hunt in the day time. Their numbers have declined, and they are now a "Species of Special Concern (Federal)".



## Snowy Owl

Snowy Owls come infrequently from their Arctic home to the Fraser delta, but sometimes they come in large numbers. They are large, white, and unmistakable, and a favourite subject for photographers.



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When photographing owls and other wildlife, please always conform to ethical wildlife viewing and photography guidelines:

- Stay on the dyke trail.
- Never harass, chase, or disturb wildlife.
- Never use bait.
- No direct use of flash photography.
- Do not throw objects or distress wildlife.
- Even standing close and talking can cause stress.
- Respect other viewers.
- Do not climb trees, cut or damage vegetation.
- Do not fly drones.
- Dogs must be on a leash. Do not let dogs chase wildlife.