

Winter Birding along the Bow River *by Andrew Slater & Joan McDonald, 1993*

Due to warmer winters and water from storm sewers and other sources entering the river within the city, the Bow now remains partially open throughout the winter from the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary downstream, and mostly open south of the Bonnybrook Sewage Treatment Plant. This open water is utilized by huge numbers of Mallards, with over 10,000 being usually recorded on the Calgary Christmas Bird Count. Good numbers of other geese and ducks also over-winter.

Almost any kind of waterbird may turn up, especially in November and December. The large quantity of potential prey attracts several raptor species. The raptors tend to be most numerous in November, December and March. While some birds may be found wherever open water exists, good concentrations occur at certain locations.

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