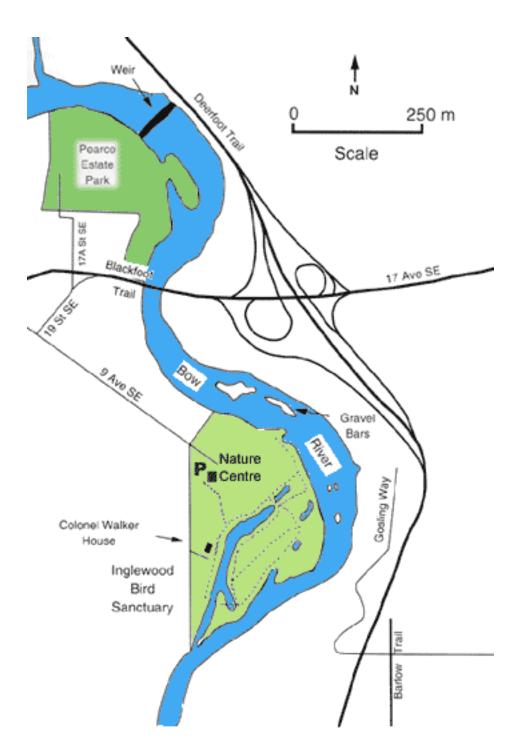
## **Inglewood Bird Sanctuary** by Dave Elphinstone (1993); revised Sep/2012

The Inglewood Bird Sanctuary is a city park that has been designated a Natural Area and a federal migratory bird sanctuary. The Sanctuary is located at 2425 - 9 Ave. SE (From the Deerfoot Trail, take the Blackfoot Trail westbound exit to 19 St. SE, then turn left from this onto 9 Ave.) The Bow River Pathway skirts the boundary of the Sanctuary, providing pedestrian and bicycle access to the area as well.

Inglewood is open from dawn to dusk year-round. The Nature Centre has washrooms and facilities for the disabled. For Nature Centre hours, maps, and other information, check the <u>City of Calgary website</u>; or call 3-1-1, outside city limits call 403-268-2489.

The sanctuary consists of approximately 36 hectares of riverine woodland formerly in an industrial setting and has approximately 2.5 km of pathways, which is wheelchair accessible along the western shore of the lagoon between the south bridge and the river.

This area usually produces the city's finest concentrations of warblers during fall migration, and one of the best locations in Calgary for finding uncommon species of gulls in spring and late fall. The chance to see birds at the Sanctuary changes dramatically from season to season. By far the most opportune time to watch for migrant songbirds is from the beginning of August until the end of September. In winter, thousands of Mallards and the tame Black-capped Chickadees are the most visible residents. In early spring and late fall many local birders watch the Bow River at Inglewood for regular migrants and unexpected rarities. The most productive area is the series of gravel bars towards the northern end.



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