

WILDLIFE CHECKLIST

More than 600 wildlife species utilize Ducks Unlimited projects in Mexico, the United States and Canada. On this tour you may see the following bird species:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> WESTERN GREBE | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMON SNIBE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HORNED GREBE | <input type="checkbox"/> UPLAND SANDPIPER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PIED-BILLED GREBE | <input type="checkbox"/> FRANKLIN'S GULL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN | <input type="checkbox"/> RING-BILLED GULL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT | <input type="checkbox"/> CALIFORNIA GULL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN BITTERN | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMON TERN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT HERON | <input type="checkbox"/> BLACK TERN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GREAT BLUE HERON | <input type="checkbox"/> NORTHERN HARRIER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SANDHILL CRANE | <input type="checkbox"/> RED-TAILED HAWK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TUNDRA SWAN | <input type="checkbox"/> SWAINSON'S HAWK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SNOW GOOSE | <input type="checkbox"/> FERRUGINOUS HAWK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE | <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN KESTREL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CANADA GOOSE | <input type="checkbox"/> BALD EAGLE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MALLARD | <input type="checkbox"/> MERLIN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GADWALL | <input type="checkbox"/> SHARP-TAILED GROUSE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GREEN-WINGED TEAL | <input type="checkbox"/> GRAY PARTRIDGE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN WIGEON | <input type="checkbox"/> MOURNING DOVE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NORTHERN PINTAIL | <input type="checkbox"/> SHORT-EARED OWL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NORTHERN SHOVELER | <input type="checkbox"/> GREAT HORNED OWL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BLUE-WINGED TEAL | <input type="checkbox"/> BELTED KINGFISHER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RUDDY DUCK | <input type="checkbox"/> NORTHERN FLICKER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CANVASBACK | <input type="checkbox"/> EASTERN KINGBIRD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> REDHEAD | <input type="checkbox"/> WESTERN KINGBIRD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RING-NECKED DUCK | <input type="checkbox"/> LEAST FLYCATCHER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LESSER SCAUP | <input type="checkbox"/> HORNED LARK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WHITE-WINGED SCOTER | <input type="checkbox"/> BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMON GOLDENEYE | <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN CROW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUFFLEHEAD | <input type="checkbox"/> MARSH WREN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMON MERGANSER | <input type="checkbox"/> MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SORA | <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN ROBIN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN COOT | <input type="checkbox"/> YELLOW WARBLER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AMERICAN AVOCET | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMON YELLOWTHROAT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> KILLDEER | <input type="checkbox"/> Le CONTE'S SPARROW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MARBLED GODWIT | <input type="checkbox"/> SAVANNAH SPARROW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LONG-BILLED CURLEW | <input type="checkbox"/> BAIRD'S SPARROW |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WILLET | <input type="checkbox"/> CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LESSER YELLOWLEGS | <input type="checkbox"/> BOBOLINK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SPOTTED SANDPIPER | <input type="checkbox"/> WESTERN MEADOWLARK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WILSON'S PHALAROPE | <input type="checkbox"/> YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> RED-WINGED BLACKBIRD |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMON GRACKLE |

WILDLIFE VIEWING TIPS

- A pair of binoculars, spotting scope, sturdy footwear and a well illustrated field guide are the basics for nature watching.
- Most wildlife sightings occur at dawn and dusk when animals are the most active.
- Limit your walking to trails, blinds, viewing towers and boardwalks.
- Respect wildlife by avoiding nesting areas and reduce disturbance by observing from a distance.
- A 35mm camera with a telephoto or zoom lens is recommended for photographing wildlife. Avoid movement or use a blind to increase concealment.

THE DU STORY

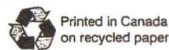
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Since 1937, Ducks Unlimited Canada has invested over \$750 million to protect wildlife habitat in Canada. Saskatchewan has in excess of 1900 projects with an area exceeding 900,000 acres. The South Sask Field Office manages 412 projects and over 235,000 acres of habitat.

For more information on projects or how to become a DU member, visit our web page at www.ducks.ca or contact:

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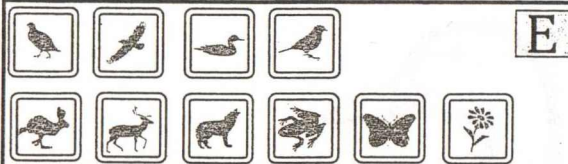
NATURE WATCH

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LAST MOUNTAIN LAKE/ BUFFALO POUND LAKE SASKATCHEWAN



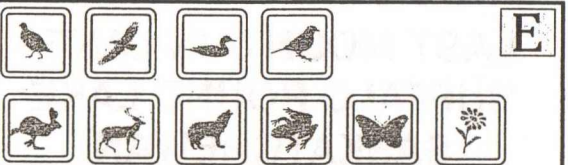
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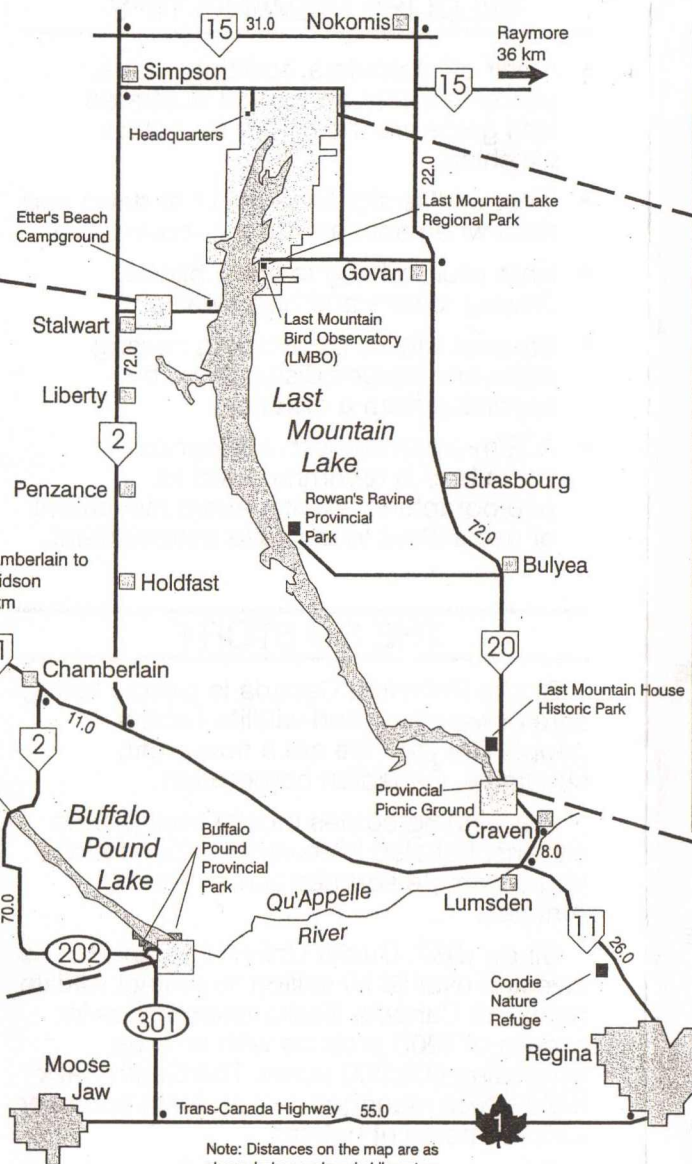
From Stalwart, drive north on Hwy. 2 for 1.6 km. Turn east and follow the grid road for 2.4 km. and stop where it bisects Stalwart National Wildlife Area. View wildlife from the road. Best viewing is recommended from late April to early July for breeding waterfowl and grassland birds. Ducks Unlimited Canada and the Canadian Wildlife Service manage wetland conservation projects within the 3,750 acre National Wildlife Area.



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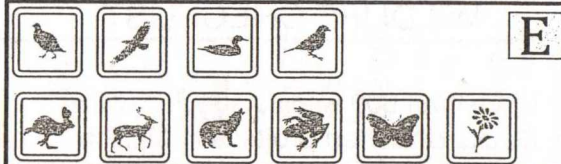
From Regina, drive 55 km. west on Hwy. 1. Exit Hwy. 301 and drive north 21 km. to junction with Hwy. 202. Enter Buffalo Pound Provincial Park and follow signs to Nicolle Flats Nature Area. This popular outdoor education site offers best viewing from mid-April through September. Walk the interpretive boardwalk through a cattail marsh or follow a trail through the prairie grassland of the Qu'Appelle River valley. Ducks Unlimited Canada and Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management manage the 900 acre habitat project with dykes and controls, nesting islands and planted grassland. Viewers will see a diverse wildlife population from breeding ducks like Canvasback and Gadwall to Muskrat and White-tailed Deer.



Note: Distances on the map are as shown below and are in kilometers.
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ACCESS RATING

- E** EASY - All weather road access.
- M** MODERATE - Combination all weather road access, seasonal roads and natural walking trails.
- D** DIFFICULT - Seasonal road and natural walking trail access only.



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LAST MOUNTAIN LAKE NWA

From Simpson, travel 14.4 km. east along grid road. Turn south and continue for 3.2 km. Last Mountain Lake National Wildlife Area Headquarters are immediately east. Access to all trails and facilities begin here. View wildlife from nature trails, a boardwalk, tower and a self-guided auto tour.

Ducks Unlimited Canada and the Canadian Wildlife Service manage wetland conservation projects within the 38,500 acre National Wildlife Area. Last Mountain Lake Migratory Bird Sanctuary was established in 1887 and it is the oldest waterfowl refuge in North America. While this exceptional site offers wildlife viewing from spring breeding through fall migration, the largest concentration of ducks, geese, Sandhill Cranes and the endangered Whooping Crane are present from mid-August to November.



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From Regina, travel 26 km. northwest on Hwy. 11. Exit Hwy. 20 and drive to Craven. Proceed along Hwy 20 for 6 km. and exit to the Provincial Picnic Ground for access to the Wildlife Management Area. Walk along the mowed dyke-top trail and view the 900 acre wetland conservation project managed by Ducks Unlimited Canada and Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management. Best wetland bird viewing is available during the spring migration and breeding period from late April to mid-July. A wide variety of ducks and grebes, including the Western Grebe are common on this floodplain marsh of the Qu'Appelle River valley.



NATURE WATCH PROGRAM

- DU Canada's Nature Watch program identifies opportunities to view wildlife and to conserve habitat.
- #1 Self-Drive Tour Route is located in the moist mixed grassland ecoregion of the prairie ecozone.
- Last Mountain Lake provides critical habitat of international importance to migratory waterfowl and shorebirds. The area is dedicated as a RAMSAR wetland and a Western Hemispheric Shorebird Reserve Network site.
- Last Mountain Lake/Buffalo Pound Lake Self-Drive Nature Tour covers approximately 430 km. Travel the complete route or visit a single project.

Key to Symbols

Wildlife

Facilities



Upland Birds



Birds of Prey



Waterfowl/Shorebirds



Songbirds



Small Mammals



Hoofed Mammals



Carnivores



Reptiles/Amphibians



Insects



Wildflowers



Brochures



Toilets



Trail



Picnic area



Parking



Displays



Tower/
Boardwalk