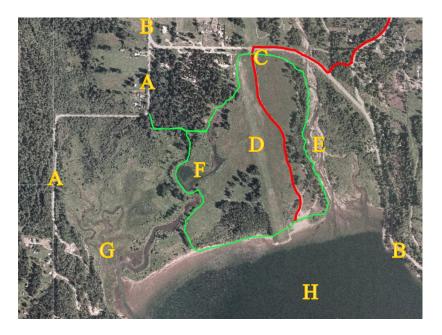
Crawford Bay Wetlands Map



A-Peters Road

B—Highway 3A to Creston (south) and Kootenay Bay (north)

C—Parking area

D—Air Strip—do not walk here when aircraft are attempting landing or takeoff

E—Crawford Creek

F—Beaver Pond

G—Beaver Creek

H—Crawford Bay

Green and Red Lines—walking trails

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Cedar Waxwing, Sharp-Shinned Hawk, Bald Eagle

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BIRDING IN CRAWFORD BAY



At the north end of the largest bay on Kootenay Lake, near the small settlement of Crawford Bay, there is a little-known wetland area comprising 62 hectares, and a birder's delight.

A map on the back shows how to walk into the Crawford Bay Wetlands, either from Peter's Road or from the beach road.



Two creeks flow into the shallow north end of the bay, Beaver Creek on the east and Crawford Creek on the west. The creeks and the flat floodplain between them provide a varied habitat for many species of birds and mammals. From Peter's Road the path winds beside a large beaver pond, and beaver dams may be seen farther along towards the lake.



Mammals that may be encountered include beaver, river otter, elk, deer, coyote, mink, and muskrat. Bears, cougars, and moose are also infrequent visitors. Keep small children close by.

Please keep dogs on a leash, especially during breeding and nesting season, from April until mid July. There is space for dogs to run off-leash on the airstrip and west beach, however please keep your dog in sight and under control at all times for the safety of wildlife and enjoyment of others.

For more information about the East Shore of Kootenay Lake, check out the website *www.kootenaylake.bc.ca*, inquire at any of the shops, or visit the Visitor Information booth in Crawford Bay. For bird pictures and songs, visit Dendroica-NatureInstruct on the web.

If you can add to our species list, let us know! Email sightings to info@kootenaylake.bc.ca

SPECIES LIST: CRAWFORD BAY WETLANDS

Canada Goose
Wood Duck
American Wigeon
Mallard
Green-winged Teal
Ring-necked Duck
Bufflehead
Common Loon
Great Blue Heron
Turkey Vulture
Bald Eagle
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Sora
Wilson's Snipe
Rufous Hummingbird
Anna's Hummingbird
Black-chinned Hummingbird
Willow Flycatcher
Least Flycatcher
Dusky Flycatcher
Red-eyed Vireo
American Crow
Common Raven
Tree Swallow
Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Barn Swallow
Black-capped Chickadee Red-breasted Nuthatch

Pacific Wren
Veery
American Robin
Gray Catbird
European Starling
Cedar Waxwing
Yellow Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
American Redstart
Common Yellowthroat
Song Sparrow
Red-winged Blackbird
Brewer's Blackbird
Brown-headed Cowbird
Pine Siskin
Belted Kingfisher
Mountain Bluebird
Black-headed Grosbeak
Savannah Sparrow
American Goldfinch
American Kestrel
Western Wood-Peewee
Hammond's Flycatcher
Pacific-Slope Flycatcher
Eastern Kingbird
Warbling Vireo
Killdeer
Spotted Sandpiper
Great Horned Owl

Species list from Marsh Monitoring Surveys at Crawford Bay, British Columbia. Canadian Wildlife Service, Delta, BC Surveys conducted May and June 2013 to 2015 by Janice Arndt using standardized playback protocols focusing on secretive marsh bird species and including other species as allowed by logistical constraints. (74 species). Other species identified by local residents. (Total 92 species identified.)

Northern Pygmy-Owl	
Hairy Woodpecker	
Downy Woodpecker	
Lazuli Bunting	
Dark-eyed Junco	
MacGillivray's Warbler	
Wilson's Warbler	
Golden-Crowned Kinglet	1
Swainson's Thrush	1
Common Merganser	1
Hooded Merganser	1
Common Goldeneye	1
Barrow's Goldeneye	1
American Dipper	1
Chestnut-backed Chickadee	
Vaux's Swift	
Northern Waterthrush	
Pileated Woodpecker	
American Bittern	
Common Nighthawk	
American Coot	
Osprey	
American Pipit	
Northern Flicker	
Western Wood-Pewee	
Blue-winged Teal	
Cinnamon Teal	
Canvasback	
Violet-green Swallow	7

Townsend's Solitaire
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Starling
Tundra Swan (migration)
Sandhill Crane (migration)