

WILDLIFE SWEEPS

Wildlife sweeps in Alberta are required year-round. Both federal and provincial legislation contain legal obligations regarding the protection of breeding, nesting, and denning wildlife.

The following should be considered when planning a project:

- Wildlife and their features have legal protections that vary depending on location, type of activity, time of year, and regulatory authority.
- Some wildlife features (e.g., dancing grounds [leks], den sites, amphibian breeding ponds, nests, etc.) have associated regulatory setback guidelines.
- The recommended setback distance from [wildlife features](#) varies depending on:
 - type of feature and wildlife
 - type of development
 - level of disturbance
 - construction schedule
- Non-migratory birds are protected under the Alberta Wildlife Act and can start nesting as early as January under the right weather conditions.
- The general migratory bird nesting period may start as early as mid-March and extend until late-August, but the season varies regionally and is dependent on weather conditions.
- The Migratory Bird Regulations do not explicitly limit the protection of nests to active nests, and a project may be in violation of legal requirements if a nest is damaged or destroyed, or if a non-active nest is removed without regulatory approval.
- Wildlife assessments must be completed by a qualified individual who possesses the appropriate skills, experience, education, and training.



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HOW WE CAN HELP

To prevent an activity from contravening federal and provincial legislation or approval conditions of a project authorization, a wildlife sweep is required prior to construction where wildlife and wildlife habitat may be impacted.

Additionally, if project disturbance activities are not continuous throughout a project area and for the duration of a project following a wildlife sweep, additional sweeps are required to ensure wildlife have not initiated a new nest or den during periods of project inactivity.

Summit has a team of experienced wildlife and regulatory specialists who can determine where and when wildlife sweeps are required for your projects.

For additional information visit our website at summitearth.com, call your Summit representative or contact these area specific numbers.

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ADDITIONAL SERVICES

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- ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTION & MONITORING
- ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT
- REMEDIATION & RISK MANAGEMENT
- RECLAMATION & RESTORATION CONSULTING
- DRILLING WASTE MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS
- PIPELINE, FACILITY AND WELLHEAD DECOMMISSIONING AND ABANDONMENT
- ICT, WATERJET AND CONVENTIONAL CUT AND CAPS
- HYDROGEOLOGY & WATER MANAGEMENT
- SPILL RESPONSE & REMEDIATION