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BIRDING OFF THE BEATEN TRACK, SOUTHEAST FROM CALGARY

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Southeast

Includes these well birded and documented areas:

Chestermere Lake

Eagle
Lake

Namaka
Lake

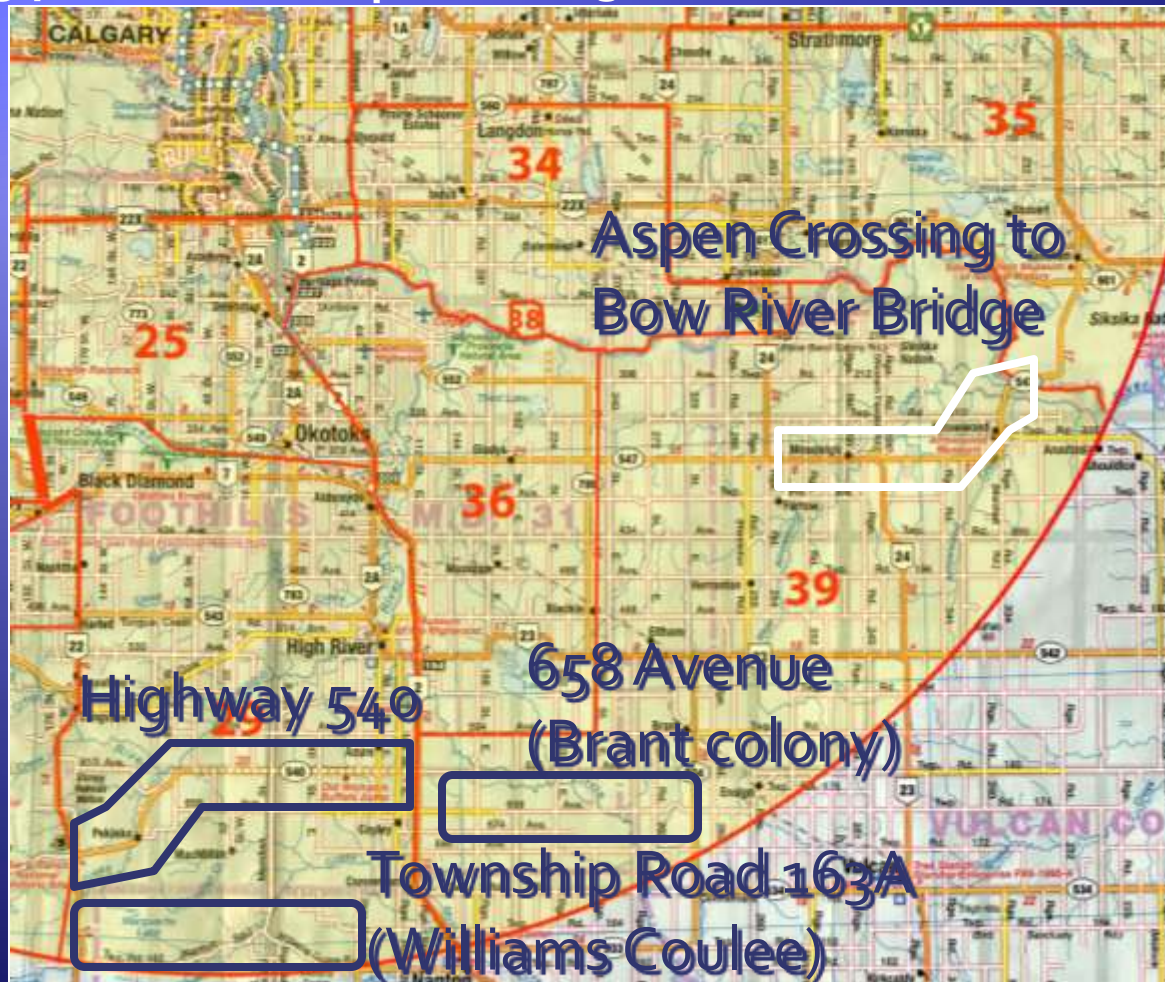
Langdon Reservoir -
Weed Lake

Wyndham-Carseland
Provincial Park

Frank
Lake



- ◆ Area 39 Brant / Ensign
- ◆ May Species Counts over three years high of 96 species in 2010
- ◆ Aspen Crossing to Bow River Bridge and 658 Avenue (Brant colony)
- ◆ Area 29 Central Highwood River Basin
- ◆ May Species Counts over six years high of 110 species in 2008
- ◆ Highway 540 and Township Road 163A (Williams Coulee)



Aspen Crossing to Bow River Bridge



Bow River Bridge (Highway 547)



Arrowwood



Aspen Crossing



Mossleigh

Aspen Crossing to Bow River Bridge



Ferruginous Hawk

Bald Eagle

Turkey Vulture

Osprey

Double-crested Cormorant

Great Blue Heron

Eurasian Collared-dove

Blackpoll Warbler

Magnolia Warbler

Lark Sparrow

Passerines will be at the nursery, in the towns and along the Bow River where there are trees and shrubs.

The Bow River is the best location for Bald Eagle, Osprey, Double-crested Cormorant and Great Blue Heron.

658 Avenue (Brant Colony)



Long-billed Curlew
Upland Sandpiper
White-rumped Sandpiper
Semipalmated Sandpiper
Say's Phoebe

Black-bellied Plover



Red Knot

Highway 540 area



Highway 540 area



Bobolink



Snow Goose

- Trumpeter Swan
- Surf Scoter
- Short-eared Owl
- Great Horned Owl
(nest at Old Woman's
Buffalo Jump)
- Upland Sandpiper
- American Pipit
- Sprague's Pipit



Long-billed Curlew



Barrow's Goldeneye

Township Road 163A (Williams Coulee Road)

Named after Orin Cravath and
Emma Williams; came from Kansas
in 1901, homesteaded nearby

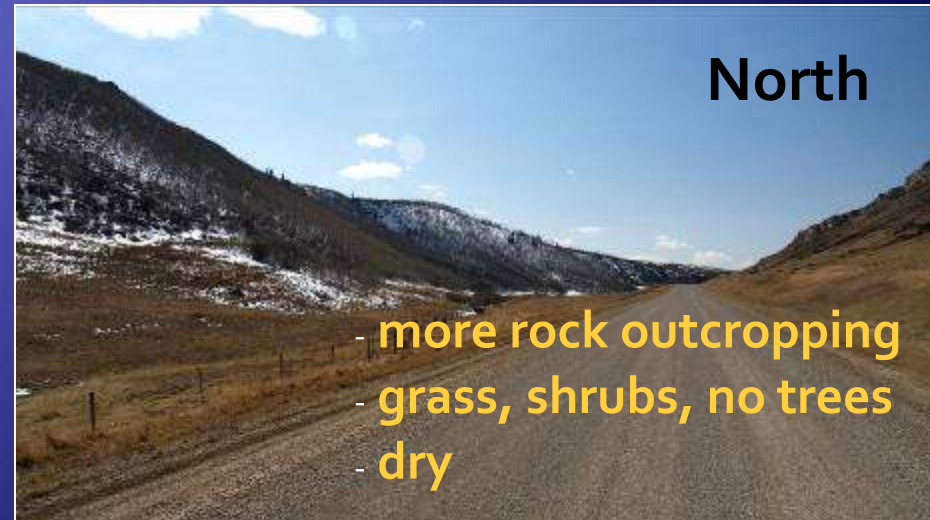


South



rock outcrop at top
- trees, grass
- wet

North



- more rock outcropping
- grass, shrubs, no trees
- dry

Township Road 163A (Williams Coulee Road)



Sharp-tailed Grouse



Golden Eagle



Ferruginous Hawk

Prairie Falcon

Ruffed Grouse

Semipalmated Plover

Rock Wren

Red-eyed Vireo

Spotted Towhee

**Prairie Falcon, Common Raven and
Rock Dove nest on the rock ledges!**