



About the B.C. Wildlife Federation

For nearly 75 years, the B.C. Wildlife Federation (BCWF) has been at the forefront of wildlife conservation, habitat restoration, and outdoor education in British Columbia. Our mission is to protect, enhance, and promote the wise use of the environment to benefit present and future generations.

Our origins date back to the 1890s when volunteer conservationists established fish and game protective associations that formed the basis of some of our current member clubs. The BCWF membership is made up of 43,000 outdoor enthusiasts from ten regions of the province, who hunt, fish, camp, hike, and spend time outside with their families. There are one hundred BCWF-affiliated fish and game protective associations and rod and gun clubs, making up about 80 percent of the total membership.

Event Details

British Columbia's coastlines are of international importance for waterbirds. During winter, vast numbers of loons, grebes, cormorants, herons, swans, geese, ducks, shorebirds, and gulls can be found feeding and roosting in bays and estuaries, and along the rocky intertidal beaches of the BC coast. With increasing pressure from development and human population expansion, long-term data on the abundance and distribution of waterbird species is required to monitor and track changes in waterbird populations and habitat use.

In collaboration with Birds Canada, BCWF volunteers will assist in counting and identifying waterfowl species observed around Sumnuw. To learn more about this project or to lead your own coastal waterbird survey, please visit: [BC Coastal Waterbird Survey](#).

Location: [Sumnuw - Montague Harbour Marine Provincial Park, 550 Montague Park Rd #1P0, Galiano Island, BC V0N 1P0](#)

Accommodations:

- [Montague Harbour Marine Provincial Park](#) - There are reservable and walk-in sites
- [Galiano Island Map](#) - Look under the legend labelled *Accommodations*
- [Vrbo](#)
- [Airbnb](#)
- [Galiano Inn](#)
- [Bodega Ridge](#)
- [Driftwood Village](#)
- [Galiano Conservancy Association Camping Site](#)

Vancouver (Tsawwassen) ferries are the only one that are *bookable* to and from Galiano Island. You can reserve your ferry here: <https://www.bcferries.com/>

Requirements

- Anyone under 14 years old is required to be accompanied by adult supervision
- Wear sturdy footwear for hiking

- Please dress in weather-appropriate clothing
- Have reliable transportation to and from Sumnuw
- Optional: Please bring a water bottle, binoculars, bird ID field book, headlamp for evening shifts

Available Shifts

Day of the Week	Date	Time
Sunday	February 9, 2025	11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Sunday	October 12, 2025	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Sunday	November 9, 2025	8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
Sunday	December 14, 2025	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Sunday	January 11, 2026	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Sunday	February 8, 2026	8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
Sunday	March 8, 2026	8:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Sunday	April 12, 2026	12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Time Commitment

Each posted shift is 1.5 hours long; however, volunteers will have the flexibility to decide how many shifts to sign up for.

Volunteer Benefits

- Training on the survey protocol
- Contribution to community science
- Waterfowl species identifying skills
- We have 3 Western Screech Owl (*Megascops kennicottii*) habitat boxes to gift to volunteers for the November, December, and January shifts

To register for this volunteer opportunity, please contact us at volunteer@bcwf.bc.ca