

RAPTOR **SURVEYS**

The breeding and nesting season of raptors is here, bringing with it legal obligations outlined in both provincial and federal legislation for the protection of hawks, falcons, eagles, owls, and their nesting sites.

The following should be considered when planning a project:

- Unlike some migratory bird species, raptor nest sites may be reused annually. Therefore, projects intended for construction during winter in raptor breeding habitat necessitate a raptor survey before approval and/or construction. Nests, after last known date of occupancy, are protected for another 2 years after.
- Government of Alberta can provide previously identified sensitive raptor nest locations upon request.
 These locations can be cross-referenced with project sites to assess potential impacts on raptors.
 Regulators expect known nest locations to be checked for activity prior to construction as part of due diligence.
- Survey time frames:
 - o Prairie raptors are conducted from May 1st to June 30th.
 - o Owl surveys occur from mid-May to late June.
 - o Diurnal raptors in the boreal/foothills region are surveyed from mid-June to late August.
 - o Surveys conducted outside of these time frames can still be valuable for project planning and risk identification purposes, as raptor nests and essential raptor habitat can be identified year-round.
- The Sensitive Raptor Range requiring assessments extends across Alberta.
- Raptor nests have protective setbacks year-round ranging from 50 m to 1,000 m, inclusive of all Raptor species, type of development, level of disturbance, and construction schedule.
- Raptor surveys must be conducted by qualified individuals with appropriate skills, experience, education, and training.



HOW WE CAN HELP

To prevent an activity from contravening federal and provincial legislation or approval conditions of a project authorization, a raptor survey is required for projects that could potentially impact raptor nesting activities within suitable breeding habitat.

Summit has a team of experienced wildlife and regulatory specialists who can determine where and when raptor surveys 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

- ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & PERMITTING
- CONSTRUCTION & ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTION/ MONITORING
- 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