

Conservation Standards Program: "Environmental Data is Our Currency"

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High quality data submissions inform mitigation and conservation planning, regulatory processes and species assessments and ranks

Quality Assurance (✓ = new since 2013; • = pre-2013)

- Web-based Information:
 - ✓ Mail-out Lists for updates
- ✓ *The Wildlife Act, 1998* Amendment – Section 21(2)
- ✓ *The Wildlife Regulations* – Section 6.2 (2) and (3)
- Research Permit (RP):
 - ✓ Conservation Standards Terms & Conditions
 - ✓ Activity-specific Applications for:
 1. Academic Research
 2. Bird Banding
 3. Species Detection Surveys (e.g., pre-construction surveys)
- ✓ Species Detection Survey Protocols
- ✓ Data Submission Templates (e.g., Loadforms)
- ✓ Qualified Persons (QP) Requirements (under development)



- ### Quality Control
- Personnel Audit (pending QP requirements)
 - Survey Audit (pending QP requirements)
 - Data Submission Audit (in progress)

Species Detection Survey Protocols

- Amphibians**
 Auditory: SK-ENV F&W-1.0 December 2014
 Visual: SK-ENV F&W-2.0 December 2014
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- Reptiles**
 Greater Short-horned Lizard: AB-ESRD-SSIG 3.0 April 2013
 Snake Hibernacula Searches: SK-ENV F&W 4.0 May 2015
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- Birds**
 Burrowing Owl: SK-ENV F&W 5.0 December 2014
 Short-eared Owl: SK-ENV F&W-6.0 May 2015
 Prairie Raptors: AB-ESRD-SSIG 7.0 April 2013
 Boreal and Foothills Raptors: AB-ESRD-SSIG 8.0 April 2013
 Grassland Birds: SK-ENV F&W-9.0 December 2014
 Forest Birds: SK-ENV F&W-10.0 December 2014
 Sharp-tailed Grouse: AB-ESRD-SSIG 11.0 April 2013
 Western Grebe: SK-ENV F&W 12.0 December 2014
 Piping Plover: SK-ENV F&W 13.0 December 2014
 Yellow Rail: SK-ENV F&W-14.0 December 2014
 Common Nighthawk: SK-ENV F&W-15.0 May 2015
 Marsh Birds (Bitterns and Rails other than Yellow Rail):
 Standards for Components of British Columbia's Biodiversity No. 7
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- Mammals**
 Bats: AB-ESRD-SSIG 16.0 April 2013
 Swift Fox: SK-ENV F&W-17.0 December 2014
 Ord's Kangaroo Rat: SK-ENV F&W-18.0 December 2014
 Snow Track Survey: SK-ENV F&W-19.0 December 2014
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- Plants**
 Rare Prairie Plant (*with Voucher Specimen Collection): SK-ENV F&W-May 2015

SPECIES DETECTION SURVEY PROTOCOLS

AMPHIBIAN VISUAL SURVEYS



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(2) Subject to subsection (3), no person shall conduct surveys, research or other activity to detect or observe any species, wild species or wild species at risk, or assess the habitat of any species, wild species or wild species at risk, for a commercial, scientific, academic, or other purpose prescribed in the regulations without a licence issued by the director.

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply in the circumstances prescribed in the regulations.