



## RAPTOR SURVEYS

The raptor breeding and nesting season is upon us. Provincial and federal legislation contain legal obligations regarding the protection of hawks, falcons, eagles, owls, and their nest sites.

The following should be considered when planning a project:

- Unlike some other migratory bird species, raptor nest sites may be re-used year after year. This means that projects that are expected to be constructed in winter in raptor breeding habitat require a raptor survey prior to approval and/or construction.
- Previously identified sensitive raptor nest locations may be obtained from the Government of Alberta upon request and can be cross-referenced against a project location to determine potential impacts to raptors. It is an expectation of regulators that, as part of due diligence, these known nest locations are checked to determine if they are active prior to construction.
- Surveys for prairie raptors may be completed from May 1st through June 30th. Owl surveys are completed from mid-May to late June, while surveys for boreal/foothills diurnal raptors are completed from mid-June through late August. Surveys undertaken outside of this time frame can also provide value for project planning and risk identification purposes as raptor nests and essential raptor habitat can be identified year-round.
- The Sensitive Raptor Range where assessments are required extends through the majority of Alberta.
- Raptor nests have protective setbacks ranging from 100 m to 1,000 m. The setback distance from a raptor nest varies depending on:
  - species
  - type of development
  - level of disturbance
  - construction schedule
- Raptor surveys must be completed by a qualified individual who possesses the appropriate skills, experience, education, and training.

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## TECHNICAL ALERT

### 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.

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