

About Bird Conservation



Outdoor Recreation with Birds

Bird Awareness

- In 2013, Environment Canada determined that human activities directly or indirectly cause about 269 million bird deaths in Canada each year.
- Our coordinated brochure and PowerPoint series addresses common bird conservation issues and suggests ways that you can help. There are simple changes that you can make to help save birds.

What
Are The
Problems

Hiking, Biking, & Birding

Nest Disturbance

Fishing

Hiking, Biking and Birding

- Habitat fragmentation
- Loss of diversity
- Can limit nesting areas
- Disturbance



Better Practices

- Stay on marked trails to minimize disturbance to habitat
- Pack out garbage
- Use binoculars



Nests

Nests, eggs, and fledglings are sensitive to your actions.

Keep your distance to help keep them safe!



Better Practices for Observing Birds

- Use binoculars to avoid getting too close.
- Don't approach nests.
- If you do encounter a nest, leave by a different way. Your path might alert a predator to the nest.



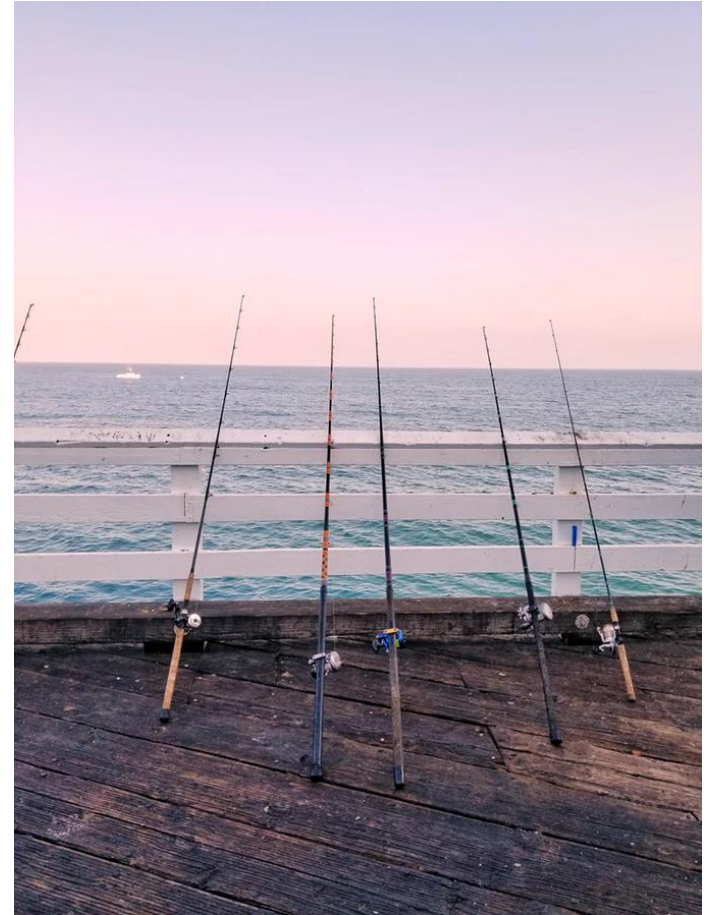
Fishing

Fishing creates many hazards for birds, from fishing gear to boat launches.



Better Practices for Fishing

- Use non lead-based (e.g. tungsten) tackle.
- Responsibly dispose fishing gear.
- Launch boats only from authorized areas.



Other Recreational Activities to be Managed

Firework noises are disorienting to birds.

Motor sports (i.e. Dirt biking or quading) can damage nesting habitat, and the sound is disruptive to birds.



Other Recreational Activities to be Managed

- **Forest Foraging:**
Overharvesting can limit food availability.
- **Feeding:** Feeding wild birds human foods can cause harm. Use good quality bird food and keep feeders clean!



Conclusion: Hazards of Recreational Activities



HIKING

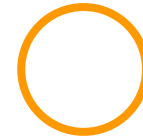
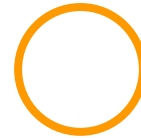


**NEST
WATCHING**



FISHING

Other PowerPoints in this series



**How Pets
Affect
Birds**

**Creating a
Bird-
Friendly
Home**

**Ethical
Consumerism
& Birds**

**Bird-
Friendly
Gardening**

About Rocky Point Bird Observatory



Rocky Point Bird Observatory has been monitoring bird populations on southern Vancouver Island since 1994. A member of the Canadian Migration Monitoring Network, RPBO relies on support from volunteers, members, and donors to fill its mandate of conservation through monitoring, research, and public education.

To support or join Rocky Point Bird Observatory, or to arrange a visit or educational program, please visit our website at rpbo.org.

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