



Beaverhill Bird Observatory's BirdSmart Education Program

November 15 - April 30



The Beaverhill Bird Observatory (BBO) is a not-for-profit, registered charity that is located near Tofield, Alberta. We are the oldest bird observatory in western Canada and have been monitoring birds that migrate through and breed in the Beaverhill Natural Area since 1984. The BBO has extensive long-term data sets dating back to its founding, which enables the BBO to track changes in bird populations, migratory routes, breeding success and survivorship. Our core programs are focused on monitoring migrating and breeding birds, environmental education, and acting as the designated steward of the Beaverhill Natural Area.

In the winter months, BBO runs our BirdSmart Education Program where staff bring a **live educational bird of prey** to give presentations about birds, conservation, and climate change to schools, daycares, after-school groups, senior's residences, and private and other events. Presentations are customized for each grade level and tailored to the Alberta curriculum. Most presentations include information on how to protect birds in local communities and how to reduce your impacts on climate change. In addition to the presentations, activities such as sketching or crosswords are provided to enhance learning whenever possible. A live bird is brought to every event to further reinforce the material taught during educational presentations.

Topics

Preschool and Kindergarten (30 minutes): Falcons of Alberta, Owls of Alberta, Hawks of Alberta, Raptors of Alberta

Grade 1 - 2 (60 minutes): How Birds Survive Winter, Falcons of Alberta, Owls of Alberta, Hawks of Alberta, Raptors of Alberta

Grade 3-4 (60 minutes): Bird Conservation, Falcons of Alberta, Owls of Alberta, Hawks of Alberta, Raptors of Alberta

Grade 5 (60 minutes): Wetland Conservation, Bird Conservation, Falcons of Alberta, Owls of Alberta, Hawks of Alberta, Raptors of Alberta

Grade 6 (60 minutes): Bird Conservation, Birds in Flight, Falcons of Alberta, Owls of Alberta, Hawks of Alberta, Raptors of Alberta

Grade 7-9 (60 minutes): Birds in Ecosystems, Adaptations for Flight, Bird Conservation, Falcons of Alberta, Owls of Alberta, Hawks of Alberta, Raptors of Alberta

Grade 10-12 (60 minutes): Birds – An Early Warning System; Bird Diversity, Conservation, and Research; Birds in Ecosystems; Falcons of Alberta; Owls of Alberta; Hawks of Alberta; Raptors of Alberta

See our [website](#) for further details and curriculum links

Interactions with the Educational Birds

All presentations include one of the educational birds. We have a Red-tailed Hawk (Keith), a Great-horned Owl (Tani), a Burrowing Owl (Nina), and a Barbary Falcon (Kenny) on the education team!

Supplementary Materials

All presentations also include supplementary activities such as word searches and crosswords appropriate to the grade level.

Digital Programming

BBO is now offering our workshops in a digital format over Google Meets if in-person workshops are not possible. The content and format will be as similar as possible to our in-person presentations, including the live educational bird appearing on screen.

Winter 2024/25 Pricing:

School presentations within Edmonton	\$100
School Presentations outside of Edmonton	Based on mileage
Non-school presentations/events	\$150/hr
Digital	\$50

* A minimum fee is required for in-person presentations to cover staff time and mileage *

**Book 3 or more presentations on the same day and receive
10% off or waive your mileage fees!**

Contact us for more information or to book

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