



This bulletin is for general information to advise Developers, Builders, Contractors and Homeowners of wildlife protection requirements that may affect their proposed works. This information is provided for convenience and is not a substitution of City Bylaws, or Provincial or Federal Regulations. It is your responsibility to comply with all Bylaws and Regulations pertaining to your proposed works.

It is necessary to be mindful of and familiarize yourself with the restrictions around vegetation pruning or removal, under the provincial Wildlife Act 1982, Federal Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994, and the Migratory Birds Regulations.

In particular, it is an offence under Section 35 of the Wildlife Act, 1982, to disturb or destroy an active bird nest. If you intend to prune or remove a tree or other vegetation, you must ensure that there are no active bird nests in the vegetation. If you do find an active nest, the vegetation must be left undisturbed until all the birds have left the nest.

**The most active bird nesting season is between March 15 and August 15 every year.**

Please note that the issuance of a City Permit does not authorize you to undertake work that will contravene any provincial or federal regulation.

For additional information regarding the Wildlife Act please contact the British Columbia Conservation Service at 1-877-952-7277.

*Applicable links to wildlife regulations:*

BC Wildlife Act, 1982 <http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/92consol16/92consol16/82057>

Federal Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994, <https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/m-7.01/page-1.html#h-357433>

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