

Welcome to Bow Pond

Habitat for Diversity

Bow Pond is important habitat for wildlife. Combined with the nearby Garry Oak ecosystem, these areas provide homes for a rich diversity of plants and animals.

Bat Boxes

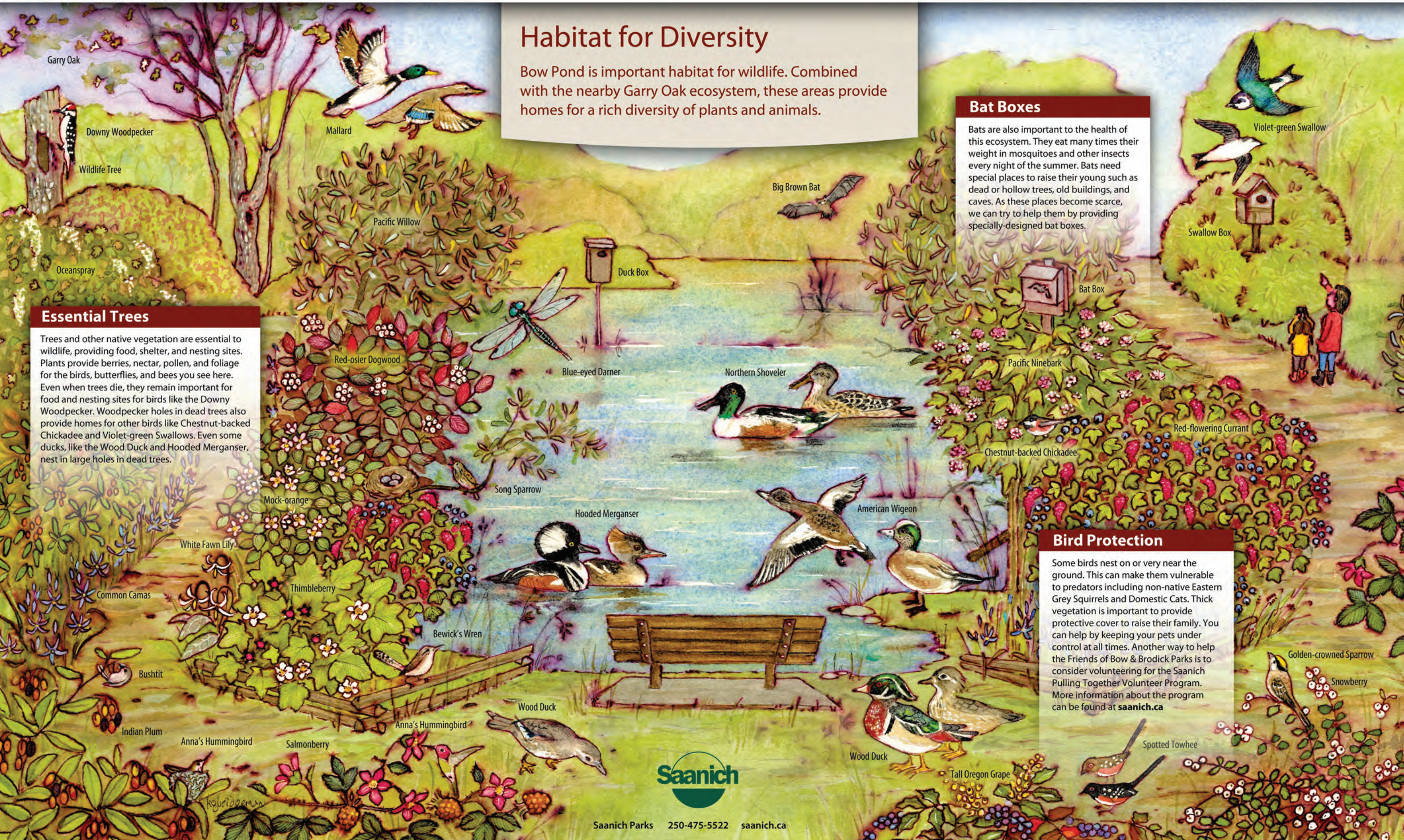
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Essential Trees

Trees and other native vegetation are essential to wildlife, providing food, shelter, and nesting sites. Plants provide berries, nectar, pollen, and foliage for the birds, butterflies, and bees you see here. Even when trees die, they remain important for food and nesting sites for birds like the Downy Woodpecker. Woodpecker holes in dead trees also provide homes for other birds like Chestnut-backed Chickadee and Violet-green Swallows. Even some ducks, like the Wood Duck and Hooded Merganser, nest in large holes in dead trees.

Bird Protection

Some birds nest on or very near the ground. This can make them vulnerable to predators including non-native Eastern Grey Squirrels and Domestic Cats. Thick vegetation is important to provide protective cover to raise their family. You can help by keeping your pets under control at all times. Another way to help the Friends of Bow & Brodick Parks is to consider volunteering for the Saanich Pulling Together Volunteer Program. More information about the program can be found at saanich.ca



Garry Oak

Downy Woodpecker

Wildlife Tree

Oceanspray

Mallard

Pacific Willow

Big Brown Bat

Duck Box

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Violet-green Swallow

Swallow Box

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Red-osier Dogwood

Blue-eyed Darter

Northern Shoveler

Pacific Ninebark

Red-flowering Currant

Chestnut-backed Chickadee

Mock-orange

Song Sparrow

Hooded Merganser

American Wigeon

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Common Camas

Thimbleberry

Bewick's Wren

Golden-crowned Sparrow

Snowberry

White Fawn Lily

Indian Plum

Anna's Hummingbird

Salmonberry

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Wood Duck

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Tall Oregon Grape

Spotted Towhee

