

5 Porpoise Bay serves as a great feeding ground for predators such as Eagles and Ospreys. In fact, if you look up at the trees you may even see some eagle nests.



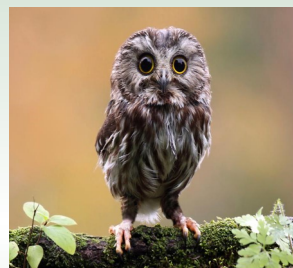
Bald Eagle



Osprey

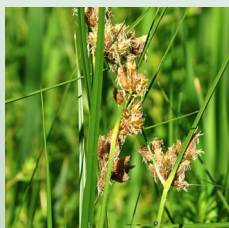


Barred Owl



Northern Saw-Whet Owl

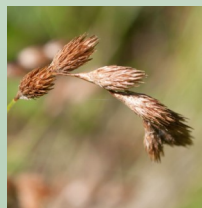
♦ See if you can identify any of these water plants.



Seacoast Bulrush



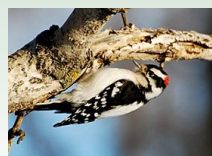
Cattail



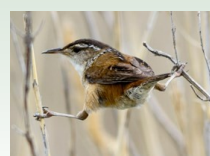
Broom Sedge

6 The dead trees with holes in them are the perfect habitat for Woodpeckers. Dead trees are very important for the health of this habitat. They provide homes for insects and birds. Here in the bulrushes and cattails, you may see some the birds listed below. Listen closely and you just might hear them. Shhhhhhh, try to be quiet because you might startle them!

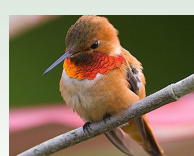
Birds



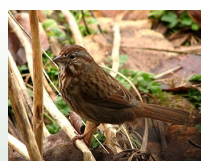
Downy Woodpecker



Marsh Wren



Rufous Hummingbird



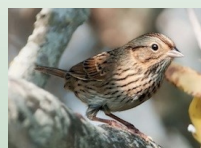
Song Sparrow



Red-breasted Sapsucker



American Robin



Lincoln's Sparrow



Yellow Rumped Warbler



Golden Crowned Kinglet

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Sechelt Marsh Nature Trail Guide



"A Walk on the Wild Side"



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Follow the numbers to encounter the Beauty of the Marsh.



Legend

- Trail Start
- Points of Interest
- Trail
- Roads
- Treatment plant
- Freshwater
- Marsh Land
- Porpoise Bay

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1 You can see a variety of different plants in this area. Can you smell the Skunk Cabbage? Looking in the creek you may see little fish or hear Tree Frogs croaking. You can observe the different plant species listed below.



Black Twinberry Pacific Willow Scouler's Willow

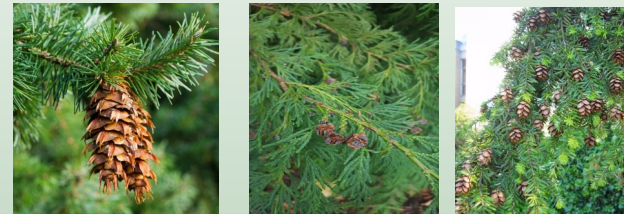


Salal Sword Fern

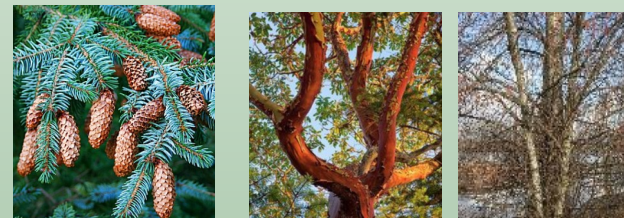


Red Elderberry Skunk Cabbage

2 In this area you can see many different tree species. You can identify trees like Red Alder, Western Hemlock, and Sitka Spruce. On the ground you may see Wild Lily of the Valley. See if you can identify some of the dragonflies that are flying around.



Douglas-fir Western Red Cedar Western Hemlock



Sitka Spruce Arbutus Red Alder



Damselfly Autumn Meadowhawk Eight-Spotted Skimmer

3 The main attraction is the ducks. Many are Domesticated Mallard hybrids as well as a few rare ducks. See if you can identify some of these rare birds described below.



Mallard Duck Common Merganser



Canada Goose Common Goldeneye



Blue Winged Teal

What are the ducks doing? Eating? Sleeping? Dabbling? Do you see any ducklings? The nesting site is on the island. See if the ducks use any camouflage to hide their nests.

4 Which way is the water flowing from under the bridge? Salty water from Porpoise Bay comes in to the marsh during high tide and when it's low tide freshwater from the creek in point 1 flows through the marsh into the Bay.

♦ If you look across the road into the Bay you may see a Great Blue Heron or American Coots.



Great Blue Heron American Coot