

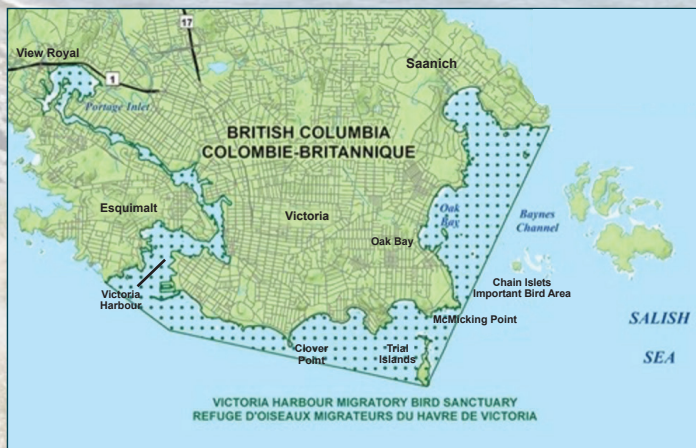


VICTORIA HARBOUR MIGRATORY BIRD SANCTUARY

A lot more than Victoria Harbour
A lot more than birds...

NATURE IN THE CITY

The Victoria Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuary (VHMBS) is a historic, federal Migratory Bird Sanctuary established in 1923 to protect geese, ducks and other birds. It is now valued for harbouring nature in the city, including over 270 bird species, notably wintering birds, rare plants, sea mammals, fishes, rich marine life and numerous species at risk.



The Sanctuary is located in traditional Lekwungen territory, including Portage Inlet, the Gorge Waterway, Victoria Harbour, the Trial Islands, Oak Bay and Cadboro Bay. It is 30 km long, with popular viewpoints at the Ogden Point Breakwater, Clover Point and Cattle Point.

Cattle Point, J.Sirois



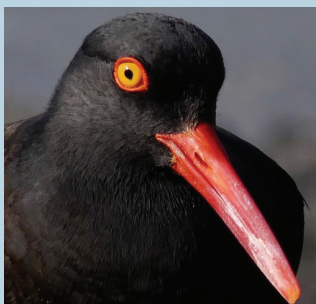


Rhinoceros Auklet, M.Martel

The Victoria Harbour Migratory Bird Sanctuary features 1840 hectares of shores, beaches, waters and islands with beds of clams, eelgrass, kelp forests, tidal marshes, six small estuaries, maritime meadows and rare Garry Oak ecosystems. It is associated with three B.C. Ecological Reserves, seven Key Biodiversity Areas and the Chain Islets Important Bird Area.

The Sanctuary is benefiting from decades of cleanups, restoration and projects delivered by several public, private and volunteer groups.

The VHMBS is home to Marbled Murrelet, Rhinoceros Auklet, Heermann's Gull, Harlequin Duck, Brant, Killer Whale, Steller Sea Lion, Golden Paintbrush, Olympia Oyster, Coho Salmon, Pacific Herring and Giant Pacific Octopus. The Sanctuary is a nesting area for Western Purple Martins, Pacific Great Blue Herons, Black Oystercatchers, Glaucous-winged Gulls and Pigeon Guillemots.



Black Oystercatcher, J.Sirois

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