Transportation, Maps, and Miscellaneous Materials

For those readers who might be traveling in Canada this summer, we have compiled the following list of materials and information sources which may be helpful. This list makes no pretention about being absolutely complete. We apologize for any errors or omissions.

British Columbia

Department of Tourism of British Columbia Parliament Buildings Victoria, British Columbia V8W 2Z2

Write to this address and request an entire tourist packet, which will contain a wealth of information on this province of 948,600 km², and more life zones than any other Canadian province. Ask specifically for maps, information on national and provincial parks, and ferry and car ferry schedules between Vancouver and Victoria (to most effectively bird Active Pass which lies between Galiano and Mayne islands), and between the mainland and Queen Charlotte Islands, the British Columbia Ferry Corporation (which runs regularly between Prince Rupert and Masset).

> Swiftsure Tours, Ltd. 645 Fort Street Victoria, British Columbia V8W 1G2 Telephone: 604-388-4227

Write or call this commercial tour company to learn of organized, scheduled offshore pelagic trips from the west coast of Vancouver Island, from Tofino or from Bamfield.

> British Columbia Automobile Association 999 West Broadway Vancouver, British Columbia V5Z 1K5 Telephone: 604-732-3911

Write or telephone this main office for information and maps This organization is affiliated with the Canadian Automobile Association and has 16 service centres all over the province.

Alberta

Alberta Department of Energy and Natural Resources Petroleum Plaza 9945 — 108th Street Edmonton, Alberta T5H 2C9

A good source for detailed maps and transportation information.

Travel Alberta Alberta Tourism Government of Alberta Edmonton, Alberta Write for a tourist kit which contains a very fine road map of the province, as well as information on accommodations and places of interest.

> Alberta Motor Association Main Office Box 3500, Station D Edmonton, Alberta T5L 4J5 Telephone: 403-474-8601

This is the main office and the addresses and telephone numbers of other offices located throughout the province can be obtained from it.

> Alberta Motor Association Calgary Office 4700 17th Avenue SW Calgary, Alberta T3E 0E3 Telephone: 403-246-7900

Alberta Motor Association Banff Office 215 Bear Street Banff, Alberta TOC 0C0 Telephone: 403-762-2266

Saskatchewan

SaskTravel Saskatchewan Department of Tourism 3211 Albert Street Regina, Saskatchewan S4S 5W6

Department of Tourism and Renewable Resources 3211 Albert Street Regina, Saskatchewan S4S 5W6 or Department of Parks and Renewable Resources 122 Third Ave. N. Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7K 2A6 or Department of Tourism and Small Business 350 Cheadle St. W. Swift Current, Saskatchewan S9H 4G3

Manitoba

Travel Manitoba Department 1001 Legislative Building Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8 Telephone: 204-944-3777

Write or call for an excellent official highway map of the province and a Manitoba Vacation Guide, which contains an enormous amount of practical information regarding traveling within the province. Manitoba Automobile Association 306-310 Donald Street Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 2H4 Telephone: 204-943-9630

Manitoba Department of Natural Resources 1495 St. James Street Winnipeg, Manitoba R3H 0W9

Ontario

Ontario Travel Hearst Block 900 Bay Street Toronto, Ontario M7A 1W3 Telephone: 416-965-4008

or Ontario Travel

Eaton Center Young Street Toronto, Ontario Telephone: 416-965-4008

Get a free tourist packet which includes a good road map and a Traveller's Encyclopaedia, which lists accommodations, campgrounds, and all sorts of useful information.

> The Toronto Transit Commission Telephone: 416-484-4544

Information on surface transit (especially in the Toronto area) is available from this agency.

Ministry of Transportation and Communication MGS Services 5th Floor 880 Bay Street Toronto, Ontario M7A 1N8 Telephone: 416-268-7540

Detailed maps of the province, as well as maps that show township road grids and more major roads are available here.

> Canada Map Distribution Office Department of Energy, Mines, and Resources 615 Booth Street Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0E9

Very detailed and topographic maps are available (some at a nominal charge) from this office. Write for a complete listing of items offered.

> Ministry of Natural Resources Whitney Block Queen's Park Toronto, Ontario M7A 1W3

Write to this agency to specifically get a booklet it publishes listing provincial park campgrounds, provincial parks, and camping arrangements. Also do request another useful map entitled *Guide to Conservation Areas*. For the traveling birder, this will be a boon.

Quebec

Quebec Automobile Association 710 Place d'Youville Room 801 Quebec City, Quebec Telephone: 418-694-0135

One can obtain a good map of Quebec in English from this organization.

Transports Quebec Le Ministere des Transports du Quebec Quebec, P.Q. Telephone: 418-643-6864

A really excellent road map of the province can be obtained from this organization. It is entirely in French.

Quebec Tourist Office Place Ville Marie Montreal, P.Q. or Quebec Tourist Office Dominion Square Montreal, P.Q. or Quebec Tourism Fish and Game Department Canadian Wildlife Service Perce Wildlife Interpretation Centre Telephone: 418-782-2974

Call this telephone number to get information on the ferry service to Ile Bonaventure Park, and to make reservations This provincially operated island park, just off Gaspe, holds the world's second largest gannetry with four trails that cross the island. Of course, there are many other species of nesting seabirds which are of special interest to the birder/visitor

New Brunswick

Tourism New Brunswick P.O. Box 12345 Fredericton, New Brunswick E3B 5C3 Telephone: 506-453-2377

Nova Scotia

Department of Tourism P.O. Box 130 Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2M7

Prince Edward Island

Prince Edward Island Tourist Information Centre P.O. Box 940 Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island C1A 7M5 Telephone: 902-892-2457

Be sure to write or call the above office in order to get a detailed map of the province, indicating various drives and loops on which to bird, as well as to get detailed information on ferry and car ferry schedules and connections with New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec and operated by the Canadian National Marine, and Northumberland Ferries. Also request a list of car rental agencies on Prince Edward Island, as serious birding is impossible without an automobile.

Newfoundland

Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Development and Tourism Information Office P.O. Box 4750 St. John's, Newfoundland A1C 5T7

Write to the above address to get an official road map and accommodation information prior to your visit.

Canadian National Marine P.O. Box 250 North Sydney, Nova Scotia B2A 3M3

For information on ferry service from the mainland, Nova Scotia, other maritime provinces or from Maine, U.S.A.

Yukon Territory

Tourism Yukon Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

Canada Map Distribution Office Department of Energy, Mines, and Resources 615 Booth Street Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0E9

Northwest Territories

TravelArctic Northwest Territories Department of Renewable Resources Government of the Northwest Territories Yellowknife, Northwest Territories X1A 2L9

Write to the above address and ask specifically for the "Official Explorers' Map Northwest Territories."

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