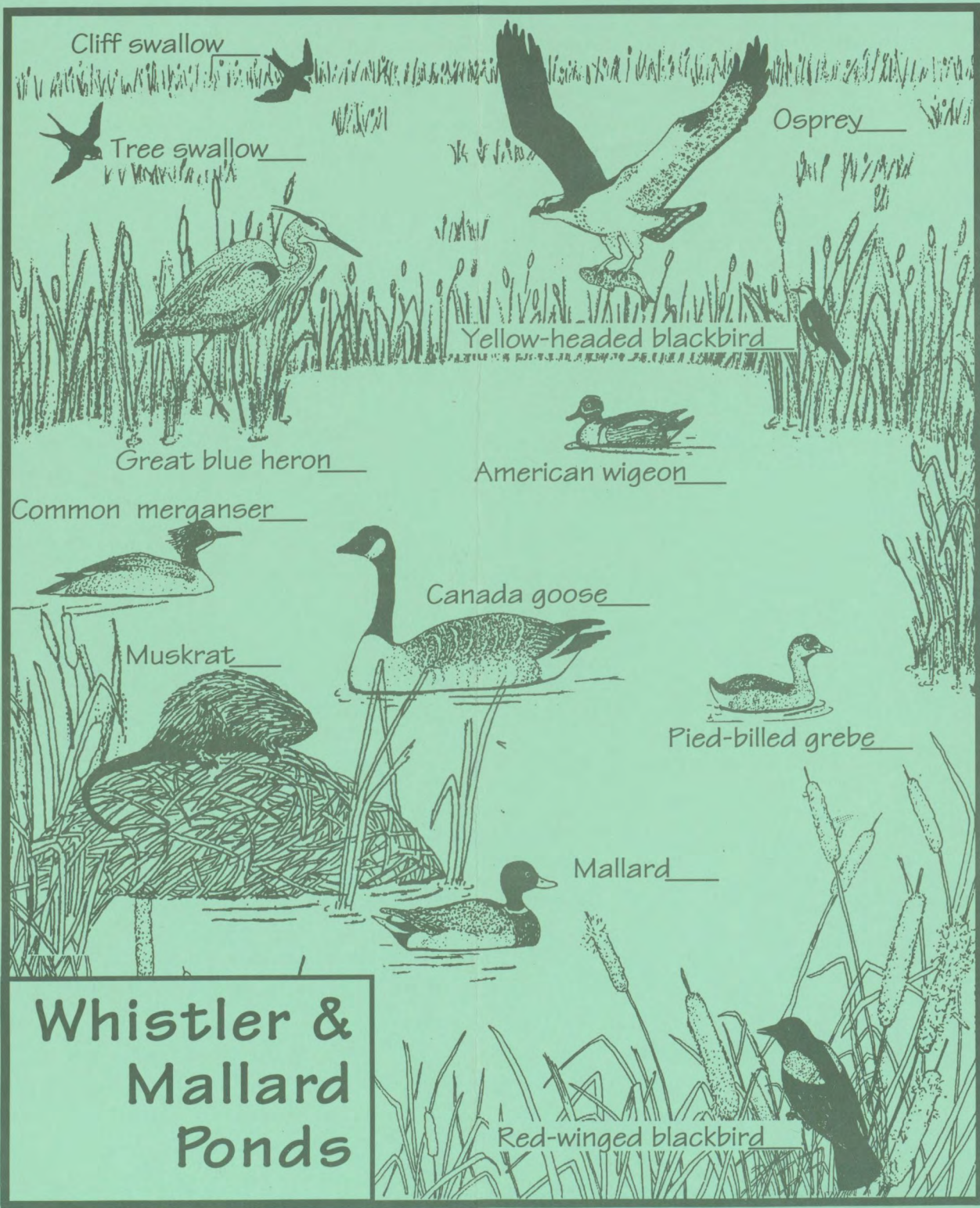


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Cliff swallow

Tree swallow

Osprey

Yellow-headed blackbird

Great blue heron

American wigeon

Common merganser

Canada goose

Muskrat

Pied-billed grebe

Mallard

Red-winged blackbird

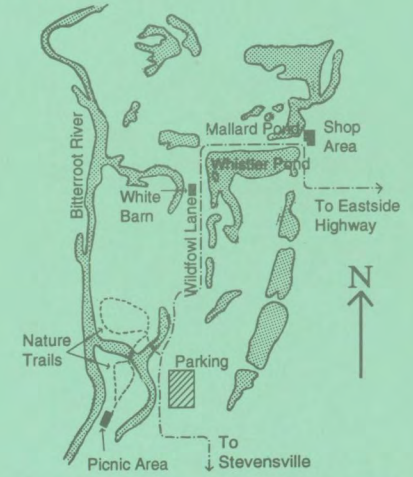
Whistler & Mallard Ponds

Tips for Wildlife Observation

Although early morning and dusk are best for observing wildlife, many animals, or signs of them, can be seen throughout the day. What you see or hear depends on your approach. Please respect this area as a home for wildlife, and try not to disturb any animals or their homes. The rest is easy and fun! Try standing still, listening and smelling. Scan the landscape for any shape that doesn't belong or any movement suggesting wildlife in the area. Use all your senses. Many animals won't show themselves to humans, so look for evidence such as tracks, scraped branches or trunks, nibbled shrubs, nests, holes, tunnels and trails, feathers and fur, droppings, sounds, songs, and bones. If you see an animal close by, try the "looking for keys" approach---walk a few steps, stop; look down, divert your eyes, walk a few steps, etc.

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Red-naped sapsucker holes

Pileated woodpecker hole

Northern flicker

Black-capped chickadee

Red squirrel

Red-breasted nuthatch

White-tailed deer

Riverbottom Woodland Nature Trails

Porcupine

Bark beetle tunnels

Harvester ants

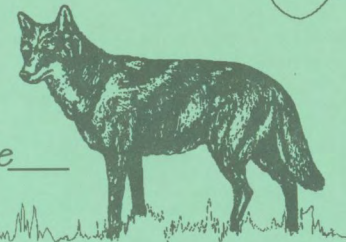
Garter snake

Painted turtle

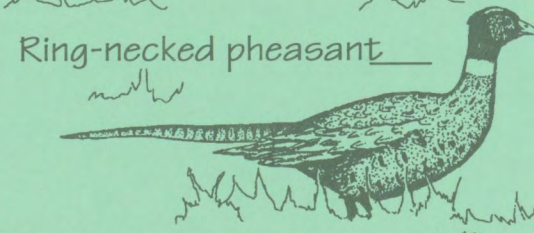


Northern harrier

Wildfowl Lane



Coyote



Ring-necked pheasant



American kestrel



Columbian ground squirrel



Meadow vole