

# Animals In Beauvais Lake

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A diverse range of animals are at home in the Beauvais Lake Provincial Park. A diversity also exists in when those animals call Beauvais home depending on the seasons. Although some species are endangered and live protected in the park, a number of species we enjoy are much more prolific. Some of those are: sucker fish, wolves, pocket gophers, ants, bears, cougars, grouses, fox, moose, badgers, coyotes, trout, deer, elk. And these are only a handful of the different species that can be found at Beauvais Lake.

We would like to feature some of the species that we get enjoy watching at the lake.

## Trumpeter Swan

They range from 54.3–62.2 in (138–158 cm) in size and have a wingspan of 79.9 in (203 cm). Their weight can range from 271.6–448 oz (7700–12700 g). They are the largest waterfowl in North America. One distinction of the swan is that their bill and feet are black, while their head and neck are rust often orange stained from eating. These are an endangered species of swan and are at risk for being extinct. Trumpeter Swans are currently protected by the Provincial Wildlife Act.



## Leopard Frog

This species of frog is the largest in Alberta. They are 2-5 inches long, the female frogs can be a lot larger than the male frog. Because of this frogs serious risk of extinction it allows Beauvais Lake to be able to accommodate for it's needs. These frogs can be identified by their green or brown body with a white pale belly. They have large dark spots with pale rings around them. They eat other young Leopard frogs along with mice and other small vertebrates.



## Beavers

Beavers are the largest American rodent, they can weigh as much as 77 pounds but average at about 44 pounds. Beavers build their dams in a small creek or river so that they can create a wetland that is needed for them to survive. This cause a trap for the fish so they can eat them.



They will also eat the bark from the trees around them. Their fingers are called digits, which allows them to grip wood better. The beaver lodge we observed on a field trip seemed to also be home to a Canada goose who looked to be thinking about nesting on the top of the lodge.

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