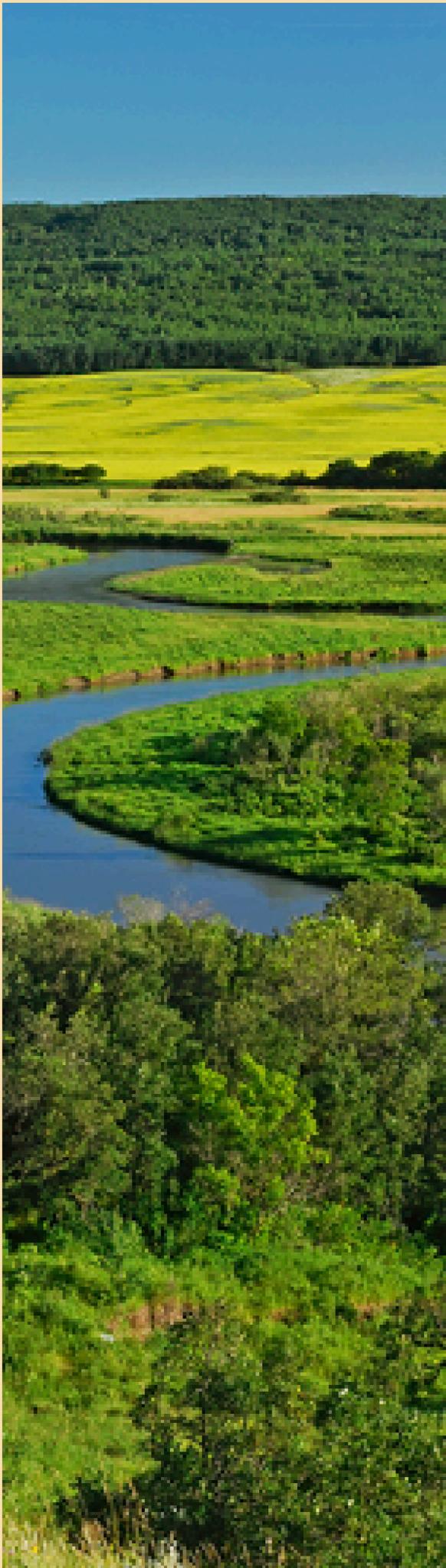


LIVING WITH WILDLIFE

Residents of Lumsden and The Qu'Appelle Valley region regularly encounter urban wildlife as the Qu'Appelle Valley offers shelter to a variety of species. Most wild animals will wander through these urban spaces, but if we make an effort to wildlife-proof our yards, it will discourage lingering.



BLACK BEARS



- *Black bears range includes the the Qu'Appelle Valley.
- *They are smart animals whose wandering is driven to find food and put on body fat.
- *They linger in areas where food can be easily found.
- *Habituated and food-conditioned bears can be a threat to public safety.

WAYS TO BEAR-PROOF YOUR YARD

- *Store garbage in a lockable/secure container or building.
- *Regularly clean garbage and recycling bins and be sure to rinse out recycled items
- *Do not store pet food outside or feed your pets outside.
- *If composting, do not add fish, meat, fat, oils, unrinsed eggshells or any cooked food.
- *Clean BBQ's after each use and store properly.

COYOTES



- *Coyotes are often found visiting urban centres in the Qu'Appelle Valley region.
- *They frequent open spaces like parks and playgrounds but will look to residences for food and shelter.

WAYS TO COYOTE-PROOF YOUR YARD

- *Pet food, compost, birdseed, and garbage should be stored where it can not be easily accessed.
- *Keep areas around BBQ's, birdfeeders and fruit trees clean.
- *Install motion activated lights.
- *Ensure there are no hiding or den sites available in your yard.

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BEAVERS



*Very commonly seen in the Qu'Appelle Valley and the Qu'Appelle River which runs through the Town of Lumsden.

*They create challenges like tree loss and potential damage from partially chewed trees.

WAYS TO BEAVER-PROOF YOUR YARD

*Install metal fencing around the trunks of mature trees to keep beavers from chewing (should be monitored as the trees grow to prevent girdling).

DEER



*White Tail and Mule Deer are commonly found in the Qu'Appelle Valley but most often seen in Lumsden are the White Tail variety.

*The deer wander looking for food sources. People should not feed them - other than commercially available pelletized food, there is not a single food source that provides the complete nutrition a deer obtain through natural browse.

WAYS TO DEER-PROOF YOUR YARD

*The artificial feeding of deer may concentrate the animals into a smaller area than the habitat they usually winter in, which can cause two negatives consequences: the potential for disease transmission and habitat degradation.

*They linger in areas where food can be easily found.

*Pet food, compost, birdseed, and garbage should be kept where it can not be easily accessed.

*Install motion activated lights.