









**MULE DEER** (*Odocoileus hemionus*) – The grayer coats, larger ears, and black-tipped tails separate these from the next species. We saw a few groups of these, primarily to the west of Calgary.

**WHITE-TAILED DEER** (*Odocoileus virginianus*) – Once confined to the Cypress Hills in the southeast of Alberta, White-tailed Deer are now abundant right across the province. We saw them daily.

**MOOSE** (*Alces alces*) – Half a dozen northeast of Edmonton (with 5 on one day!) included a mother and yearling calf that suddenly appeared out of nowhere in the middle of an open field. Though we were perplexed at first, the fact that they were covered in snow helped us realize that they had been bedded down in some low shrubs, and stood up while our backs were turned. Another moose northwest of Calgary gave us a great show, as we spotted it trotting across a pasture, headed for the road ahead of us. We got our vans into position, and had front row seats as it hopped effortlessly over the fences on either side of the road!

**AMERICAN BISON** (*Bison bison*) – Though these animals are free-ranging within Elk Island National Park east of Edmonton, they are confined to the park by fencing that completely encircles it. We saw them as we drove the highway that bisects the park, with "Plains" Bison to the north of the highway, and the larger "Wood" Bison to the south.

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## **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

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**Totals for the tour: 57 bird taxa and 9 mammal taxa**