

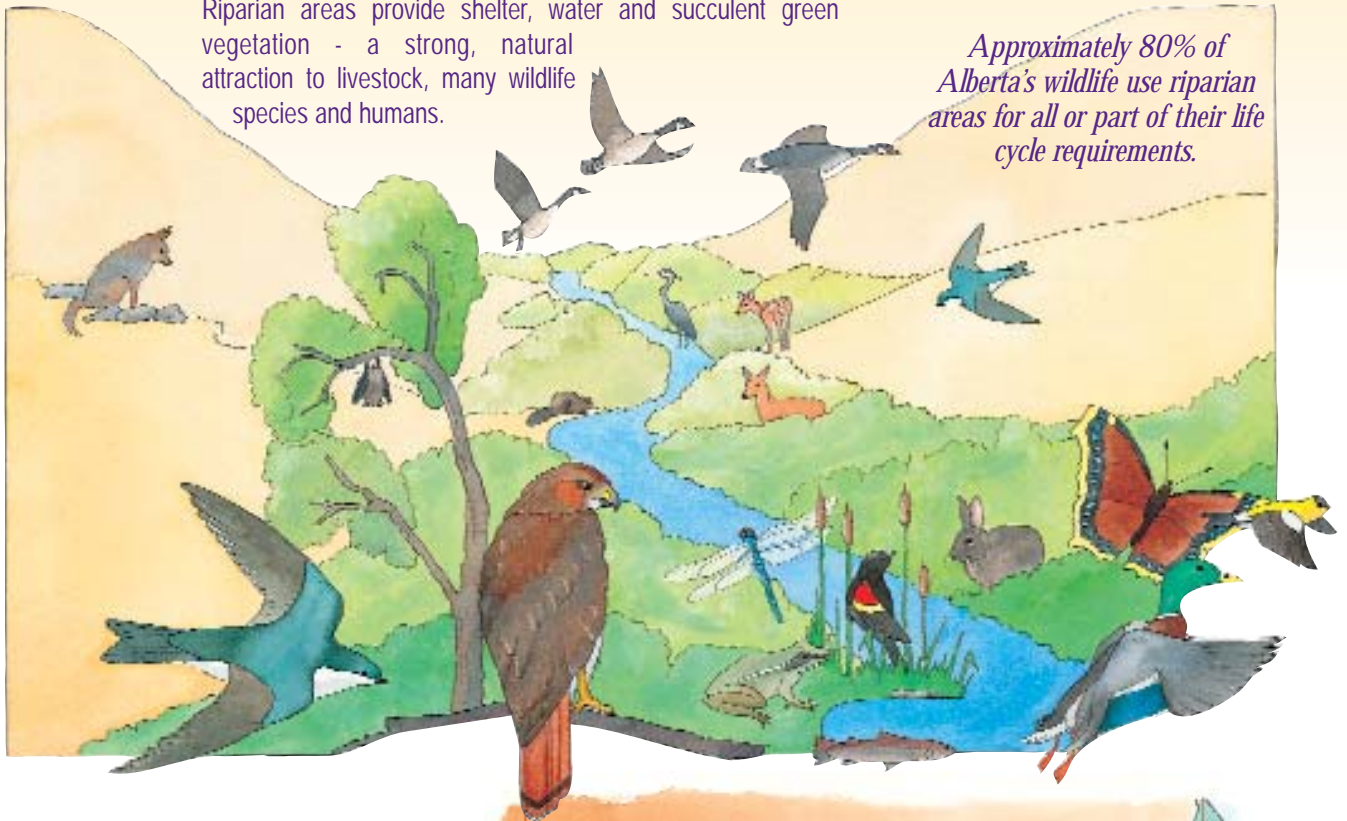
Riparian Areas

A Magnet for Livestock and Wildlife

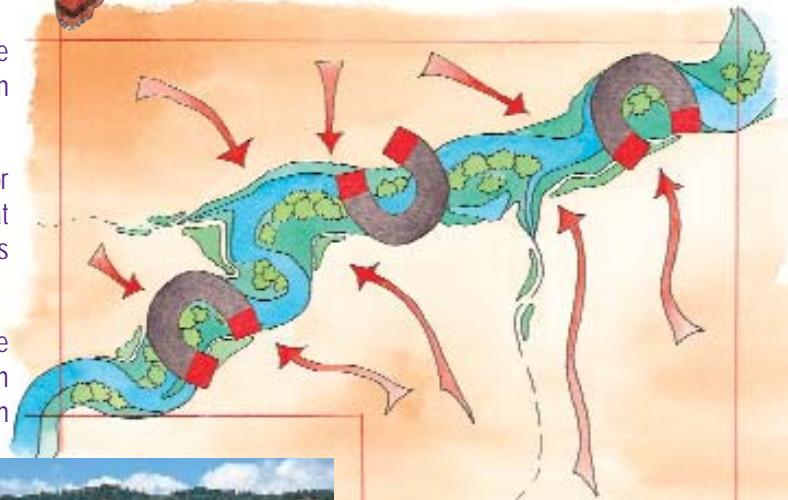
Life in the Green Zone

Riparian areas provide shelter, water and succulent green vegetation - a strong, natural attraction to livestock, many wildlife species and humans.

Approximately 80% of Alberta's wildlife use riparian areas for all or part of their life cycle requirements.



- ◆ During dry periods, the normal difference between upland forage and riparian vegetation is magnified even more.
- ◆ Riparian areas are attractive places for wildlife, humans and livestock; that attraction increases as upland areas become drier.
- ◆ Riparian areas are essential wildlife corridors, travel routes, connectors between different habitats and stop-overs on migration.



Arrows show the magnetic influence of riparian areas on wildlife and livestock distribution.

