

# TRAIL 9

## → Sandy Point/Empress

Sandy Point Regional Park **(A)** is located along Hwy 41 at the South Saskatchewan River crossing. The campground here is often used by fishermen. This campground has willow and brush cover along with some large cottonwood trees that can attract rarities. In the past such species as Bullock's Oriole and Northern Saw-whet Owl have resided here during the summer. More frequently seen species include Baltimore Oriole, Common Nighthawk, Say's Phoebe, Rock Wren, Golden Eagle and a variety of flycatchers.

Peter Fidler Campground **(B)** in Empress includes a one km trail along the Red Deer River. Such species as Brown Thrasher, Lark Sparrow, Spotted Towhee, Yellow-breasted Chat and uncommon species may be found. Black-billed Cuckoo, although very rare and irruptive, may at times be found here or along the river at Buffalo or Jenner. For a change of pace a night drive near the Empress Cemetery may produce Ord's Kangaroo Rat and possibly hunting rattlesnakes.

In addition to the campgrounds at Sandy Point and Empress, some additional tourist facilities including gasoline are available at Empress and at Burstall, Saskatchewan.



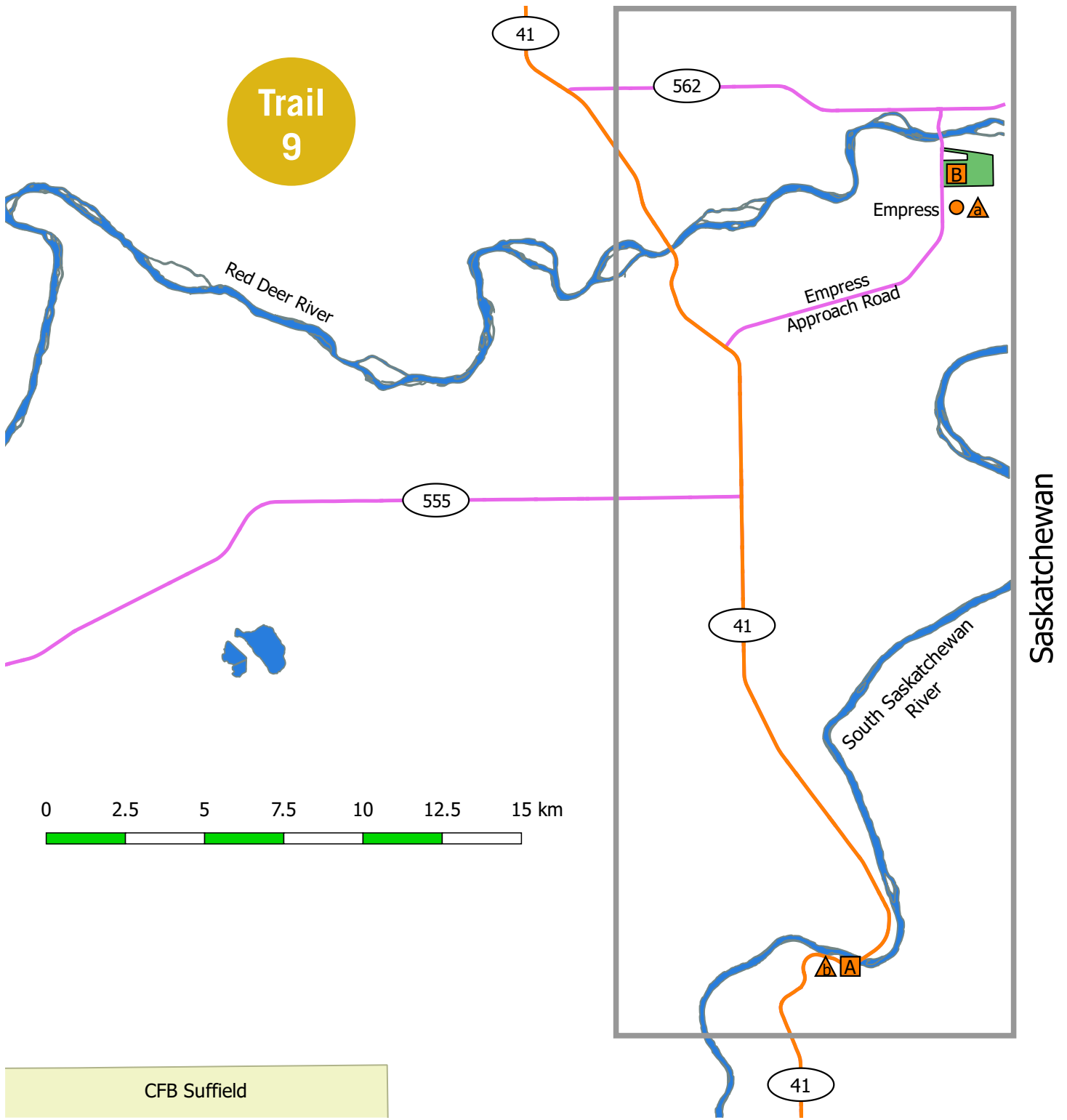
**Western Kingbird**  
*Dan Schiebelbein*



**Swainson's Hawk**  
*Milt Spitzer*



**Sandy Point**  
*Milt Spitzer*



### Trail 9: Sandy Point / Empress

- Observation Points
- Sandy Point Regional Park
- Peter Fidler Campground in Empress
- Amenities
- Empress: fuel, meals, lodgings, camping and restrooms
- Sandy Point: camping and restrooms

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