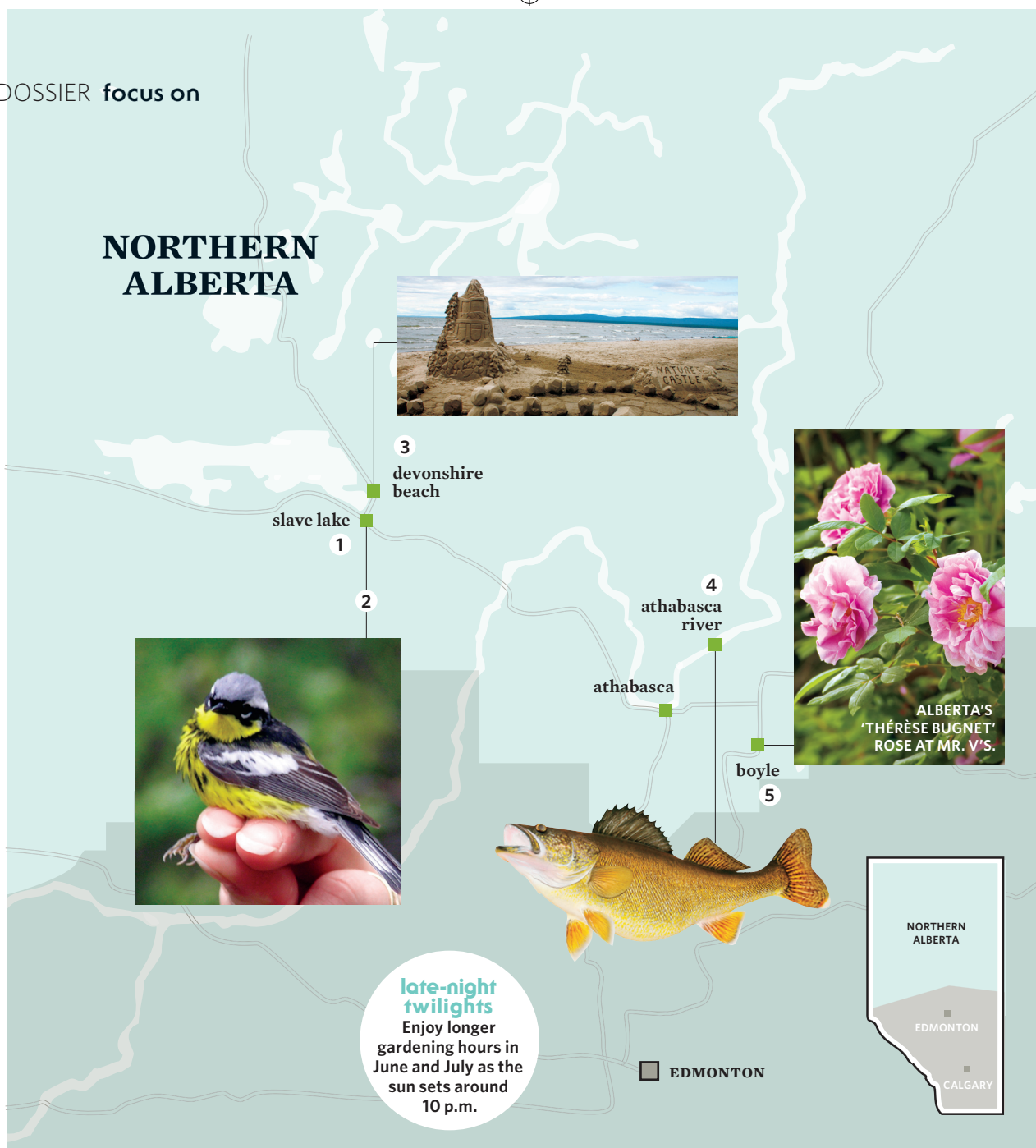


## NORTHERN ALBERTA



**late-night twilights**  
Enjoy longer gardening hours in June and July as the sun sets around 10 p.m.

Connect with nature by exploring these two regions in the heart of Canada's boreal forest. From fishing and bird watching to kayaking and off-roading, this is a place where you can leave the hubbub behind and chart your own outdoor adventure.

- 1. SLAVE LAKE FARMERS' MARKET, SLAVE LAKE**  
Refuel after outdoor activities with fresh produce from the marketplace at the Visitor Information Centre. Open on Fridays, from 11 to 3, June through September.
- 2. BOREAL CENTRE FOR BIRD CONSERVATION (BCBC), SLAVE LAKE**  
Each summer, 60 percent of all land

birds in Canada, many coming from as far away as South America, make their way through the boreal forest and the BCBC, which is strategically located to study these birds in their natural breeding grounds. Take guided birding hikes and banding lab tours at the annual Songbird Festival June 5 and 6. Visit [borealbirdcentre.ca](http://borealbirdcentre.ca)

- 3. THE ALBERTA OPEN SAND**

**SCULPTURE CHAMPIONSHIPS, DEVONSHIRE BEACH**  
Is sand sculpting a sport? On July 17 it is. Come watch as competitors carefully mould intricate, life-sized tableaux out of sand for prizes.

- 4. REEL ANGLING ADVENTURES, LEGAL**  
Fish the lakes and rivers of Athabasca Country with Ray, an avid angler who practices catch-and-

release, and who will take you to all his aquatic hotspots. Visit [reelangling.com](http://reelangling.com)

- 5. CENTENNIAL ROSE GARDEN, BOYLE**  
The Centennial Rose Garden at Mr. V's The Place for Trees was created in September 2005 to celebrate Alberta's 100th year as a province. Featured are hardy rose bushes planted to represent every province and territory. Visit [mrvs.net](http://mrvs.net)