BAYTEX ENERGY CORP.
Form 6-K
March 19, 2013
QuickLinks -- Click here to rapidly navigate through this document

# UNITED STATES <br> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer
Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 Under the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the month of March 2013

Commission File Number: 1-32754

## BAYTEX ENERGY CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

> 2800, $520-3^{\text {rd }}$ AVENUE S.W. CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA T2P 0R3
(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

$$
\text { Form 20-F o } \quad \text { Form 40-F ý }
$$

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(1): o

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(7): o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes o
No ý
If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b) : $\qquad$

The following document attached is an exhibit hereto and is incorporated by reference herein:

Exhibit No. Document
99.1 Baytex Energy Corp. 2012 Annual Report

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

## BAYTEX ENERGY CORP.

 /s/ W. DEREK AYLESWORTHName: W. Derek Aylesworth
Title: Chief Financial Officer

## QuickLinks

SIGNATURES

