

SPECIES AT RISK IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

The **Red List** includes species that are:

- legally designated as threatened or endangered under the provincial Wildlife Act. As of 2005, legally designated species included the sea otter (*Enhydra lutris*), which is threatened, and the following endangered species: American white pelican (*Pelicanus erythrorhynchos*), burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia*), and Vancouver Island marmot (*Marmota vancouverensis*).
- candidates for such designation. These are the vast majority of species on the list.
- extirpated or extinct.

The **Blue List** includes species not immediately threatened but of concern because of characteristics that make them particularly sensitive to human activities or natural events.

The **Yellow List** includes uncommon, common, declining, and increasing species—all species not included on the red or blue lists, but tracked by the Conservation Data Centre.