



**Bird Checklist:**

# Shoreline Park

**Port Moody**

The Shoreline Park area lies within the City of Port Moody at the head of Burrard Inlet. While only 40 hectares (125 acres) in size, this small area contains a remarkable variety of habitats with a long, diverse list of wildlife and plant species.

The trail around the end of the Inlet from Rocky Point Park to Old Orchard Park is 3 km in length one way. In between, the trail passes through dense coniferous woods, open mixed and deciduous woodland, salmonberry and twinberry shrubs, and thickets of crabapples. The trail crosses two salmon-bearing streams. Many boardwalk and trail openings provide excellent views of the extensive tidal mudflats.

The Shoreline Park area is identified and signed as a wildlife viewing site of British Columbia Wildlife Watch, the provincial wildlife viewing program. This site offers good birding and opportunities to observe marine mammals.

There is little natural habitat left on Burrard Inlet, and the only similar site is Maplewood Mudflats in North Vancouver. Past human activities in this area include a brick factory, parts of which are still visible on the north side of the park.

For additional information on the Shoreline Park contact the Port Moody Parks and Recreation Department [(604) 461-4411; 300 loco Road, Port Moody, B.C. V3H 2V7].

The following is a list of the bird species which have been observed in the Shoreline Park area, including the end of Burrard Inlet. The status of each species is indicated by an abundance level in each of four seasons. The standard four letter code is shown for each species. Birds known to have bred in the area are denoted by an asterisk (\*).

Note: The status of each species is based on the best available information and is subject to change as new observations are recorded. Additional wildlife sightings are requested.

**Explanation of Symbols:**

- Sp Spring** March - May
- S Summer** June - mid August
- F Fall** mid August - November
- W Winter** December - February

- c Common:** easily observed on any visit to appropriate habitat in appropriate season
- u Uncommon:** sometimes observed on a visit to appropriate habitat in appropriate season
- r Rare:** can be present in low numbers and may be hard to find

		Sp	S	F	W
RTLO	Red-throated Loon				r
COLO	Common Loon				u
PBGR	Pied-billed Grebe				r
HOGH	Horned Grebe			c	c
RNGR	Red-necked Grebe				r
EAGR	Eared Grebe	u			r
WEGH	Westero Grebe				u
DCCO	Double-crested Cormorant		u	c	c
PECO	Pelagic Cormorant		r		
GBHE	Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	c
GRHE	Green Heron		u		
TRUS	Trumpeter Swan				u
CAGO	* Canada Goose	c	c	c	c
WODU	Wood Duck				r
GWTE	Green-winged Teal	c		c	c
MALL	Mallard		c	c	c
NOPI	Northern Pintail			c	c
BWTE	Blue-winged Teal	r			
CITE	Cinnamon Teal	r			
NOSL	Northern Shoveler			u	u
GADW	Gadwall				r
EUWI	Eurasian Wigeon				r
AMWI	American Wigeon			u	c

		Sp	S	F	W
CANV	Canvasback				u
RNDU	Ring-necked Duck				r
GRSC	Greater Scaup				c
LESC	Lesser Scaup				u
SUSC	Surf Scoter				u
COGO	Common Goldeneye				u
SAGO	Barrow's Goldeneye				c
BUFF	Bufflehead				c
HOME	Hooded Merganser				c
COME	* Common Merganser		u	c	c
RBME	Red-breasted Merganser				u
RUDU	Ruddy Duck				r
OSPR	Osprey		c		
BAEA	* Bald Eagle	c	c	c	c
SSHA	Sharp-shinned Hawk			r	r
COHA	Cooper's Hawk			r	r
RTHA	Red-tailed Hawk	u	u	u	u
KILL	* Killdeer	u	u	c	c
GRYE	Greater Yellowlegs	u	u		
LEYE	Lesser Yellowlegs	u	u		
SPSA	Spotted Sandpiper	c	c	c	r
WESA	Western Sandpiper			c	
LESA	Least Sandpiper				u
PESA	Pectoral Sandpiper			r	
DUNL	Dunlin			c	c
SBDO	Short-billed Dowitcher	r			
LBDO	Long-billed Dowitcher	c		c	u
COSN	Common Snipe				r
FRGU	Franklin's Gull				r
BOGU	Bonaparte's Gull			c	r
MEGU	Mew Gull	c	u	c	c
RBGU	Ring-billed Gull	u	c	c	u
CAGU	California Gull	u	u	c	u
HEGU	Herring Gull				r
THGU	Thayer's Gull				r
GWGU	Glaucous-winged Gull	c	c	c	c
RODO	Rock Dove	u	u	u	u
BTPH	Band-tailed Pigeon	u	u	u	
NSWO	Northern Saw-whet Owl				r
VASW	Vaux's Swift		r		
RUHU	Rufous Hummingbird	u	u		
BEKI	Belted Kingfisher	c	u	c	c
RBSA	Red-breasted Sapsucker		r	r	
DOWO	* Downy Woodpecker	c	c	c	c
NOFL	Northern Flicker		u	u	
PIWO	Pileated Woodpecker	u	u	u	u

		Sp	S	F	W
WWPE	Western Wood-pewee	r			
WIFL	* Willow Flycatcher		c		
HAFI	Hammond's Flycatcher	r			
PSFL	Pacific-slope Flycatcher	u	u		
TRSW	Tree Swallow	u	u		
VGSW	Violet-green Swallow	u	u		
BASW	Barn Swallow	c	c		
STJA	Steller's Jay			u	u
NOCR	* Northwestern Crow	c	c	c	c
CORA	Common Raven	u	u	u	u
BCCH	* Black-capped Chickadee	c	c	c	c
CHCH	Chestnut-backed Chickadee				r
BUSH	* Bushtit	c	c	c	c
RBNU	Red-breasted Nuthatch			r	
BRCR	Brown Creeper	u	u	u	u
BEWR	* Bewick's Wren	c	c	c	c
WIWR	Winter Wren	c	c	c	c
AMDI	American Dipper				c
GCKI	Golden-crowned Kinglet	c	c	c	c
RCKI	Ruby-crowned Kinglet			u	u
SWTH	* Swainson's Thrush		c		
AMRO	* American Robin	c	c	u	u
VATH	Varied Thrush				c
AMPI	American Pipit			u	
CEWA	Cedar Waxwing		u	u	
NOSH	Northern Shrike			r	
EUST	European Starling	c	c	c	c
WAVI	* Warbling Vireo		c		
REVI	* Red-eyed Vireo		c		
OCWA	* Orange-crowned Warbler	c	c		
YEWA	Yellow Warbler		u		
YRWA	Yellow-rumped Warbler	u		u	
BTGW	Black-throated Gray Warbler		c	c	
MGWA	MacGillivray's Warbler			u	
COYE	Common Yellowthroat			u	
WIWA	Wilson's Warbler	c	c		
WETA	Western Tanager			u	
BHGR	* Black-headed Grosbeak		c		
RSTO	* Rufous-sided Towhee	c	c	c	c
SAVS	Savannah Sparrow			u	
FOSP	Fox Sparrow	u			
SOSP	* Song Sparrow	c	c	c	c

		Sp	S	F	W
LISP	Lincoln's Sparrow			u	
GCSP	Golden-crowned Sparrow	r			
WCSP	White-crowned Sparrow	u	u	u	
DEJU	Dark-eyed Junco			c	c
RWBL	Red-winged Blackbird				r
BRBL	Brewer's Blackbird				r
BHCO	* Brown-headed Cowbird		c		
PUFI	Purple Finch	u	u	u	u
HOF[	House Finch	c	c	c	c
RECR	Red Crossbill				r
PISI	Pine Siskin	u	u	c	c
AMGO	American Goldfinch	u	u		
EVER	Evening Grosbeak				u
HOSP	House Sparrow	r	r	r	r

**Total Species: 125**

### Other Wildlife:

The Shoreline Park area has some mammal viewing. Coyotes, raccoons, Douglas squirrels, and the occasional black bear and black-tailed deer maybe observed. Harbour Seals are frequently observed. On rare occasions, whales have been observed in Port Moody Arm, including killer, false killer, and grey whales.

A number of amphibian and reptile species inhabit the Shoreline Park area; including Western toads, Pacific tree frogs, and common garter snakes. In the fall, coho and chum salmon can be observed in Noons Creek. The best time to observe the adult spawners is just after a heavy rain.

### Viewing Ethics for Conservation:

Wildlife viewing demands courtesy and common sense. For the well being of the wildlife and habitats please follow these guidelines.

**Be Considerate of Wildlife** - Use binoculars to view wildlife from a distance rather than approaching them too closely.

**Be Considerate of Habitat** - Plants and the landscape are important parts of wildlife habitat. Please do not damage or remove them and stay on designated trails or roads.

**Be Considerate of Other People** - Respect private property and the wildlife viewing activities of others.

**Control Pets** - Pets can harm wildlife and hinder viewing opportunities.

**Do Not Approach Young Wildlife** - Young wildlife are rarely 'abandoned' or lost. The mother is usually at a safe, distance waiting for you to leave.



**British Columbia Wildlife Watch** is the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks' program designed to promote viewing opportunities within British Columbia. The protection of wildlife and their habitat, and a positive, safe experience for the viewer are the primary objectives of this program. Many local communities, other agencies and public conservation groups are involved. For more information on this or other wildlife viewing sites, contact the Regional BC Environment office in Surrey [(604) 582-5200 or 1-800-665-7027; #300-10334-152A Street, Surrey, B.C. V3R 7138].

### Shoreline Park Access:

The main access point to the Shoreline Park area is from St. Johns Street in Port Moody. Look for the Wildlife Watch binocular logo signs and turn north onto Moody Street. Follow the overpass around to the left, At the stop sign turn left onto Murray Street, and then left into the parking area for Rocky Point Park. The trail begins along the waterfront, and initially leads east, eventually turning north and finally west. The trail ends at Old Orchard Park.

This is the first version of the Shoreline Park bird checklist. It is based on the wildlife inventory, completed by the Burke Mountain Naturalists (available at the Port Moody Library), including known records and Christmas Count data. The list will be revised when additional information is available. If you have any comments regarding the species listed, the frequency of occurrence, or the seasons indicated please forward your comments in writing to **British Columbia Wildlife Watch**.



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