



Bird Checklist:

Rolley Lake Provincial Park

Mission

compiled by Al Grass

Rolley Lake Provincial Park is located in northwest Mission, about 60 km east of Vancouver. The park offers many recreational opportunities including walking, wildlife viewing, swimming, picnicking, camping, fishing and canoeing. No power boats are permitted on the lake. There is a loop trail around the lake with a long boardwalk at the West end.

Rolley Lake Provincial Park 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 several mammal species.

This 115 hectare park is rich in human history. It was named after James and Fanny Rolley who homesteaded here in 1888. In the early 1900's, the lake was used as a holding pond for shingle bolts destined for the Sholtze mill at Ruskin. A wooden flume sped the bolts 5 km downhill to the mill. In the 1930's the park area supported a small Japanese Canadian hand-logging operation. Today you can still find evidence of these activities, including an old wooden plank road.

The following is a list of the bird species which, may be observed in Rolley Lake Provincial Park. 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 this area are denoted by an asterisk (*). When the number of documented sightings is less than 10, the number of sighting is in brackets.

Note: The status of each species is based on the best available information and is subject to change as new observations are recorded. Many species are likely more abundant than listed below.

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
- ca Casual:** rare and not seen every year

		Sp	S	F	W
COLO	Common Loon	u	u	u	
PIGR	Pied-billed Grebe (4)		r	r	
GBHE	Great Blue Heron	r	u	r	r
CAGO	Canada Goose		u		
WODU	Wood Duck (3)	ca	ca	ca	
MALL	Mallard	u	u	u	u
RNDU	Ring-necked Duck (1)		ca		
COME	Common Merganser (6)	r	u	r	
TUVU	Turkey Vulture (1)	ca			
OSPR	Osprey	r	u	r	
BAEA	Bald Eagle		r	r	r
SSHA	Sharp-shinned Hawk (1)		ca		
COHA	Cooper's Hawk (3)		r		
RTHA	Red-tailed Hawk (4)		r	r	
AMKE	American Kestrel (1)		ca		
PEFA	Peregrine Falcon (1)		ca		
BLGR	Blue Grouse (1)		ca		
RTGR	Ruffed Grouse (2)	r	r		
SORA	Sora (1)		ca		
SOSA	Solitary Sandpiper (1)		ca		

		Sp	S	F	W
SPSA	Spotted Sandpiper (2)		ca		
RODO	Rock Dove (1)		r		
BTPI	Band-tailed Pigeon		r		
WSOW	Western Screech-Owl (1)		r		
GHOW	Great Horned Owl (1)	ca			
BAOW	* Barred Owl	u	u	u	u
CONI	Common Nighthawk		u		
BLSW	Black Swift		r		
VASW	Vaux's Swift		u		
RUHU	* Rufous Hummingbird	r	u		
BEKI	Belted Kingfisher		r	r	
RNSA	Red-naped Sapsucker (1)		ca		
RBSA	Red-breasted Sapsucker		u	r	
HAWO	* Hairy Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
NOFL	Northern Flicker	u	u	u	
PIWO	Pileated Woodpecker	u	u	u	u
OSFL	Olive-sided Flycatcher		r		
WWPE	Western Wood-Pewee	r	r		
WIFL	Willow Flycatcher	ca	u		
HAFI	Hammond's Flycatcher	r		r	
PSFL	Pacific-slope Flycatcher	u	c		
EAKI	Eastern Kingbird (1)				ca
TRSW	* Tree Swallow	r	u		
VGSW	* Violet-green Swallow	r	u		
NRWS	Northern Rough-winged Swallow (5)	r			
CLSW	Cliff Swallow (2)		r		
BASW	Barn Swallow	u	c		
STJA	* Steller's Jay	c	c	u	u
NOCR	* Northwestern Crow	c	c	u	u
CORA	Common Raven	u	u	u	u
BCCH	* Black-capped Chickadee	c	c	u	u
CHCH	* Chestnut-backed Chickadee	c	c	c	c
BUSH	Bushtit (2)		r		
RBNU	Red-breasted Nuthatch	u	c	u	u
BRCR	Brown Creeper	r	u		
BEWR	Bewick's Wren (2)		ca		
WIWR	Winter Wren	c	c	c	c
AMDI	American Dipper (3)	r	r	r	r
GCKI	Golden-crowned Kinglet	u	u	u	u
SWTH	* Swainson's Thrush	c	c		
HETH	Hermit Thrush (1)	ca			

		Sp	S	F	W
AMRO	* American Robin	a	c	r	
VATH	Varied Thrush	u	u	u	
CEWA	Cedar Waxwing		r	c	
HUVI	Hutton's Vireo- (2)		r		
WAVI	Warbling Vireo	u	c		
REVI	Red-eyed Vireo (2)		r		
OCWA	Orange-crowned Warbler	c	c		
YEWA	Yellow Warbler (4)	r	r		
YRW	Yellow-rumped Warbler (2)		r	r	
BTGW	Black-throated Gray Warbler	u	c		
TOWA	Townsend's Warbler	u	u		
MGWA	MacGillivray's Warbler		u		
COPE	Common Yellowthroat	u	c	u	
WIWA	Wilson's Warbler	u	c		
WETA	Western Tanager		u		
BHGR	Black-headed Grosbeak	r	u		
RSTO	Rufous-sided Towhee	r	u	r	
SOSP	Song Sparrow	u	c	u	u
LISP	Lincoln's Sparrow (1)		ca		
GCSP	Golden-crowned Sparrow		r		
WCSP	White-crowned Sparrow	r	u	r	
DEJU	Dark-eyed Junco	u	c	u	u
BHCO	Brown-headed Cowbird (5)	r		r	
PUFI	Purple Finch	r	u	r	r
RECR	Red Crossbill		c	c	c
WWCR	White-winged Crossbill		ca		
PISI	Pine Siskin	u	c	c	c
AMGO	American Goldfinch (1)		ca		
EVGR	Evening Grosbeak	r	u	r	

Total Species: 90

Hypothetical List:

These are species which have been reported for the park but for which no dated records could be found, or for which there is insufficient documentation. This list includes Common Snipe, Glaucous-winged Gull, Northern Pygmy-Owl, Townsend's Solitaire, American Redstart, Chipping Sparrow, Fox Sparrow and Brewer's Blackbird.

Other Wildlife:

There is a wide range of opportunities to observe mammal species at the park: Easily viewed species include American beaver, Douglas squirrel, and yellow pine chipmunk. Other mammals seen at the park include black-tailed deer, raccoon, river otter and Northern flying squirrel.

Additional Sightings Requested:

Bird sighting records are requested for all seasons. This will assist in determining the abundance level for each species. If you bird at Rolley Lake, please forward your sightings.

Additional Sightings:

(date, location, species, number, behaviour)

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.



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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 7P8].

Rolley Lake Provincial Park Access:

The main access point to Rolley Lake is from Dewdney Trunk Road. From Lougheed Highway (Highway 7) follow the provincial park and binocular logo signs, and turn north onto 287th Street which becomes Wilson Road. At the T-junction with Dewdney Trunk Road turn right (east). At Bell Road turn left (north) and follow the signs to the park.

The sighting information in this checklist has been compiled by Al Grass of BC Parks. Additional bird records are requested, especially nesting records. This checklist will be revised when additional information is available. If you have new sightings, or 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**, BC Environment, #300-10334-152A Street, Surrey, B.C. V3R 7P8.

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