

## BIRD LIST FOR MINNEKHADA REG. PARK AND AREA

The following is a list of the 151 species observed at Minnehada Regional Park and in the immediate area. Given current information, the species are, when in-season and in suitable habitat, either common, uncommon, rare, or casual.

Common is defined as a species that should be found, in suitable habitat, on every visit. Uncommon indicates that the species are not easily found but are present in limited numbers or are secretive. Rare means that the species can be present in very low numbers or may be difficult to find. Casual identifies a species considered very rare with only 1-3 records known.

### COMMON

Great Blue Heron	Bushlitt
Canada Goose	Red-breasted Nuthatch
Wood Duck	Winter Wren
Mallard	Marsh Wren
Green-winged Teal	Golden-crowned Kinglet
American Wigeon	Swainson's Thrush
Bufflehead	American Robin
Hooded Merganser	Varied Thrush
Common Merganser	Cedar Waxwing
Osprey	European Starling
Bald Eagle	Warbling Vireo
Northern Harrier	Red-eyed Vireo
Red-tailed Hawk	Orange-crowned Warbler
Ring-necked Pheasant	Yellow Warbler
Mew Gull	Common Yellowthroat
Glaucous-winged Gull	Wilson's Warbler
Rufous Hummingbird	Black-headed Grosbeak
Downy Woodpecker	Rufous-sided Towhee
Northern Flicker	Savannah Sparrow
Willow Flycatcher	Song Sparrow
Tree Swallow	White-crowned Sparrow
Violet-green Swallow	Dark-eyed Junco
Cliff Swallow	Red-winged Blackbird
Barn Swallow	Brown-headed Cowbird
Steller's Jay	House Finch
Northwestern Crow	Pine Siskin
Common Raven	American Goldfinch
Black-capped Chickadee	

Other nearby birding areas: DeBouville Slough and the Pitt River dykes are adjacent to Minnehada Regional Park and offer further superb birding opportunities. To learn more about these areas, pick up a copy of the Burke Mountain Naturalists' brochure "The Birds of DeBouville Slough", available at local libraries.

### UNCOMMON

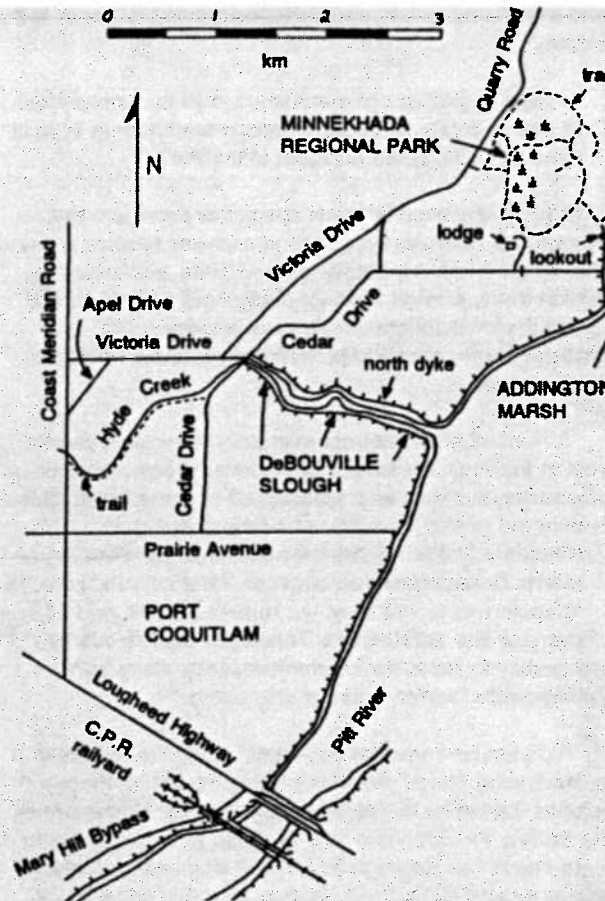
Pied-billed Grebe	Belted Kingfisher
Double-crested Cormorant	Red-breasted Sapsucker
Green-backed Heron	Hairy Woodpecker
Trumpeter Swan	Pileated Woodpecker
Northern Pintail	Olive-sided Flycatcher
Blue-winged Teal	Western Wood-Pewee
Cinnamon Teal	Hammond's Flycatcher
Gadwall	Pacific-slope Flycatcher
Ring-necked Duck	Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Lesser Scaup	Chestnut-backed Chickadee
Common Goldeneye	Brown Creeper
Barrow's Goldeneye	Bewick's Wren
Red-breasted Merganser	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Hermit Thrush
Cooper's Hawk	American Pipit
Rough-legged Hawk	Northern Shrike
American Kestrel	Solitary Vireo
Blue Grouse	Hutton's Vireo
Ruffed Grouse	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Virginia Rail	Black-throated Gray Warbler
Sora	Townsend's Warbler
American Coot	MacGillivray's Warbler
Killdeer	Western Tanager
Common Snipe	Fox Sparrow
California Gull	Lincoln's Sparrow
Rock Dove	Golden-crowned Sparrow
Band-tailed Pigeon	Northern Oriole
Great Horned Owl	Purple Finch
Common Nighthawk	Red Crossbill
Black Swift	Evening Grosbeak
Vaux's Swift	

### RARE

Common Loon	Mourning Dove
Horned Grebe	Barn Owl
American Bittern	Western Screech-Owl
Tundra Swan	Northern Pygmy Owl
Snow Goose	Barred Owl
Northern Shoveler	Short-eared Owl
Greater Scaup	Townsend's Solitaire
Ruddy Duck	Western Kingbird
Turkey Vulture	Eastern Kingbird
Merlin	Townsend's Solitaire
Peregrine Falcon	Gray Catbird
Sandhill Crane	Bohemian Waxwing
Pectoral Sandpiper	Western Meadowlark
Greater Yellowlegs	White-winged Crossbill
Thayer's Gull	

### CASUAL

Common Poorwill	Chipping Sparrow
American Redstart	White-throated Sparrow



**DIRECTIONS:** Minnehada Regional Park is located in northeast Coquitlam, 7 km from the Lougheed Highway. Turn north onto Coast Meridian Road and follow the signs to the Quarry Road entrance and parking area.

**Caution:** Always lock your vehicle and do not leave valuables anywhere in the vehicle.



For more information about the Burke Mountain Naturalists (a member club of the Federation of B.C. Naturalists), write to Box 52540, 1102 - 2929 Barnet Highway, Coquitlam, B.C. V3B 7J4, or phone 936-4108 or 463-2507.



For additional information about Minnehada Reg. Park write to G.V.R.D., Central Area Parks Office, 9174 Avalon Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. V3N 4G8, or phone the office at 520-6442.

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## BURKE MOUNTAIN NATURALISTS

## THE BIRDS OF MINNEKHADA REGIONAL PARK AND AREA



Nestled at the foot of Burke Mountain in northeast Coquitlam, is a little bit of paradise called Minnehada Regional Park. The variety of habitats, ranging from high rocky knolls to marshes, from deep coniferous woods to stands of alder and birch, and brushy thickets, is reflected in the diversity of birds present. Hawks, owls, grouse, waterfowl, herons, woodpeckers and a variety of songbirds make the Park a satisfying destination for birdwatchers.

Bird records have been collected over a number of years by interested birders and by staff of the Greater Vancouver Regional District (G.V.R.D.) Parks Department, including more recently, members of the Burke Mountain Naturalists. As of March 1993 the bird list stands at 151 species. This includes birds observed in the Park and in the immediate vicinity, including Addington Marsh, the fields in front of Minnehada Lodge, and along Oliver Road east of the Park gate. We recommend that you obtain a park map, available at the entrance kiosks, and carry a good bird guide to aid in bird identification.

**ALL YEAR:** A number of bird species live in the Park year round and are called 'resident' species. Although you should be able to find them at any time of year, some are more readily observed in certain seasons.

From the Quarry Road parking lot the trail passes through a stand of red alder before entering a forest of cedar, hemlock and Douglas fir where it forks and forks again, giving birders the choice of longer or shorter walks. One trail encircles the Park and takes in a variety of habitats. From this main trail several others branch off to the marsh in the centre of the Park. Following the perimeter trail with side-trips to the marsh will enable the careful observer to find a number of different birds.

Black-capped Chickadees can be found anywhere in the Park, while the similar, but less common, Chestnut-backed Chickadees are usually found in the coniferous woods. A high-pitched two-note call indicates the secretive Brown Creeper. This tiny bird creeps up conifer