



Bird Checklist:

Pitt-Addington Marsh Wildlife Management Area

The Pitt-Addington Marsh Wildlife Management Area (PAMWMA) is 2882 hectares in size and is comprised of two units, the Pitt Unit located north of Pitt Meadows, and the Addington Marsh Unit located in northeast Coquitlam.

PAMWMA lies along a major migration route of the Pacific Flyway, and is among the largest waterfowl reserves in Canada. The unique mix of marsh, raised bog, bog forest, intertidal mudflats and upland forests attracts a wide range of bird species.

The Pitt Unit has many kilometres of dyke-top trails with three covered viewing towers, and a lengthy hillside trail with three covered viewing pavilions. It should be noted that the hillside trail is rough, and requires sturdy footwear, and in wet and winter, weather can be slippery.

The Addington Marsh Unit has a circular dyke-top trail around the marsh which joins the hiking trails in the adjacent Minnehada Regional Park. There are two covered viewing towers located on the outer dyke and a covered viewing pavilion located on the hillside.

PAMWMA is one of many designated wildlife viewing sites throughout British Columbia. For more information, on this area or other wildlife viewing sites please Write Wildlife Watch, BC Environment, 10334 - 152A Street, Surrey, B.C. V3R 7P8, or phone 582-5200 or 1-800-665-7027.

The following is a list of the 229 bird species which have been recorded at the Pitt-Addington Marsh Wildlife Management Area and in the immediate area. 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 (*).

Explanation of Symbols:

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

- c Common:** easily observed on any visit to appropriate habitat in appropriate season
- f Frequent:** usually 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:** only a few records each year
- ca Casual:** not recorded every year
- ac Accidental:** so far out of range that it is not likely to be seen again

		Sp	S	F	W
RTLO	Red-throated Loon				ca
COLO	Common Loon	u		u	u
PBGR	* Pied-billed Grebe	f	f	u	u
HOGR	Horned Grebe	r		r	r
RNGR	Red-necked Grebe	r		r	r
EAGR	Eared Grebe			r	
WEGR	Western Grebe	u		u	u
AMWE	American White Pelican	ca		ca	
DCCO	Double-crested Cormorant	u	r	u	u
AMBI	* American Bittern	f	f	u	u
GBHE	* Great Blue Heron	c	c	c	c
GREG	Great Egret		ca	ca	
CAEG	Cattle Egret				ca
GRHE	* Green-backed Heron	u	u	u	ca
BCNH	Black-crowned Night-Heron		ca		
TUSW	Tundra Swan	u		u	
TRUS	Trumpeter Swan	c		u	c
GWFG	Greater White-fronted Goose	ca		ca	ca

		Sp	S	F	W
SNGO	Snow Goose				ca
CAGO	* Canada Goose	c	c	c	c
WODU	* Wood Duck	c	c	c	u
GWTE	Green-winged Teal	f	u	f	c
MALL	* Mallard	c	c	c	c
NOPI	Northern Pintail	f		f	f
BWTE	* Blue-winged Teal	f	u		
CITE	* Cinnamon Teal	f	u		
NOSL	Northern Shoveler	f		f	u
GADW	Gadwall	f	u	f	f
EUWI	Eurasian Wigeon	r		r	r
AMWI	American Wigeon	c		f	c
CANV	Canvasback	r		r	u
REDH	Redhead				r
RNDU	Ring-necked Duck	c	r	f	c
GRSC	Greater Scaup	c		u	c
LESC	Lesser Scaup	u	r	r	u
OLDS	Oldsquaw				ca
BLSC	Black Scoter				ca
WWSC	White-winged Scoter			r	
LOGO	Common Goldeneye	u		u	f
BAGO	Barrow's Goldeneye	r		r	r
BUFF	Bufflehead	f		f	f
HOME	* Hooded Merganser	f	u	u	f
COME	* Common Merganser	u	r	u	u
RBME	Red-breasted Merganser	r	ca		r
RUDU	Ruddy Duck	u			u
TUVU	Turkey Vulture	r	r	r	
OSPR	* Osprey	f	f	f	
BAEA	* Bald Eagle	f	f	f	c
NOHA	* Northern Harrier	c	f	c	c
SSHA	Sharp-shinned Hawk	u	u	u	u
COHA	* Cooper's Hawk	u	u	u	u
NOGO	Northern Goshawk	r		r	r
RTHA	* Red-tailed Hawk	c	c	c	c
RLHA	Rough-legged Hawk	u			u
GOEA	* Golden Eagle	r	r	r	r
BSKI	Black-shouldered Kite		ac		
AMKE	* American Kestrel	f	r	f	r
MERL	Merlin	r	r		r
PEFA	Peregrine Falcon	r		r	r
GYFA	Gyrfalcon				r
RNPH	* Ring-necked Pheasant	u	u	u	u
BLGR	* Blue Grouse	f	f	r	r
RUGR	* Ruffed Grouse	u	u	u	u
VIRA	* Virginia Rail	f	f	u	r
SORA	* Sora	f	f	r	

		Sp	S	F	W
AMCO	* American Coot	c	u	c	c
SACR	* Sandhill Crane	u	u	u	
BBPL	Black-bellied Plover	r		r	
LGPL	Lesser Golden-Plover			r	
KILL	* Killdeer	c	c	c	u
GRYE	Greater Yellowlegs	f		f	r
LEYE	Lesser Yellowlegs	u		u	
SOSA	Solitary Sandpiper	r		r	
WATA	Wandering Tattler		ca		
SPSA	* Spotted Sandpiper	u	c	u	
LBCU	Long-billed Curlew	ca			
WESA	Western Sandpiper	r	r	r	
LESA	Least Sandpiper	r		r	r
PESA	Pectoral Sandpiper	r		r	
DUNL	Dunlin	f		f	f
LBDO	Long-billed Dowitcher	r		r	
COSN	* Common Snipe	c	c	f	u
RNPL	Red-necked Phalarope			r	
FRGU	Franklin's Gull			r	
BOGU	Bonaparte's Gull				ac
MEGU	Mew Gull	c	u	c	c
RBGU	Ring-billed Gull	f	u	u	u
CAGU	California Gull	r	r	r	r
HEGU	Herring Gull				r
THGU	Thayer's Gull	f	u	f	f
GWGU	Glaucous-winged Gull	c		c	c
GLGU	Glaucous Gull				r
BLKI	Black-legged Kittiwake		ac		
SAGU	Sabine's Gull				ca
CATE	Caspian Tern		r		
BLTE	* Black Tern	r	r		
MAMU	Marbled Murrelet	r	r		
RODO	* Rock Dove	c	c	c	c
BTPI	* Band-tailed Pigeon	f	f	f	u
MODO	* Mourning Dove	u	u	u	r
BNOW	* Barn Owl	r	r	r	r
WSOW	* Western Screech-Owl	u	u	r	u
GHOW	* Great Horned Owl	u	u	u	u
NHOW	Northern Hawk-Owl	ca		ca	ca
SNOW	Snowy Owl	r		r	
NPOW	Northern Pygmy-Owl	r		r	r
BROW	* Barred Owl	u	u	u	u
GGOW	Great Gray Owl				ac
LEOW	Long-eared Owl	r	r	r	r
SEOW	* Short-eared Owl	u	r	u	u

		Sp	S	F	W			Sp	S	F	W			Sp	S	F	W	
NSWO	* Northern Saw-whet Owl	u	r	r	r	RBNU	* Red-breasted Nuthatch	u	f	u	u	CAWA	Canada Warbler	ca				
CONI	* Common Nighthawk		u			BRCR	* Brown Creeper	u	u	u	u	YBCH	Yellow-breasted Chat	f	ca	u		
BLSW	Black Swift	u	f	r		BEWR	* Bewick's Wren	c	f	f	f	BHGR	* Black-headed Grosbeak	u	f	u		
VASW	Vaux's Swift	f	f	r		HOWR	House Wren	r		r		LZBU	Lazuli Bunting	r	r			
						WIWR	* Winter Wren	c	c	c	c	RSTO	* Rufous-sided Towhee	c	c	c	c	
						MAWR	* Marsh Wren	c	c	f	u	ATSP	American Tree Sparrow				r	
ANHU	Anna's Hummingbird				r							CHSP	Chipping Sparrow	r		r		
COHU	Costa's Hummingbird	ac				AMDI	* American Dipper	u	r	u	u	VESP	Vesper Sparrow	ca		ca		
RUHU	Rufous Hummingbird	c	c	f								BTSP	Black-throated Sparrow	ac				
						GCKI	* Golden-crowned Kinglet	c	c	c	c	SASP	Sage Sparrow	ac				
BEKI	* Belted Kingfisher	u	f	u	u	RCKI	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	f		f	f	SAVS	* Savannah Sparrow	c	c	c	r	
LEWO	Lewis' Woodpecker	r	ca	r								FOSP	Fox Sparrow	c		u	c	
RBSA	* Red-breasted Sapsucker	u	u	u	u	WEBL	Western Bluebird		ca			SOSP	* Song Sparrow	c	c	c	c	
DOWO	* Downy Woodpecker	f	f	f	f	MOBL	Mountain Bluebird	r		r		LISP	Lincoln's Sparrow	f		f	r	
HAWO	* Hairy Woodpecker	f	f	f	f	TOSO	Townsend's Solitaire	u			r	SWSP	Swamp Sparrow			r	r	
NOFL	* Northern Flicker	c	c	c	c	SWTH	* Swainson's Thrush	f	c	u		WTSP	White-throated Sparrow	r		r		
PIWO	* Pileated Woodpecker	f	f	u	u	HETH	Hermit Thrush	u		u	f	GCSP	Golden-crowned Sparrow	f		f	u	
						AMRO	* American Robin	c	c	c	c	WCSP	White-crowned Sparrow	c	c	c	f	
						VATH	* Varied Thrush	f		u	f	HASP	Harris' Sparrow	r		r	r	
OSFL	Olive-sided Flycatcher	f	f	u								DEJU	* Dark-eyed Junco	c	f	c	c	
WWPE	Western Wood-Pewee	f	f	u		GRCA	* Gray Catbird	r	r	r		LALO	Lapland Longspur				ca	
WIFL	* Willow Flycatcher	r	c	r		NOMO	Northern Mockingbird				ca	SMLO	Smith's Longspur				ac	
LEFL	Least Flycatcher	ca	ca									SNBU	Snow Bunting			r	r	
HAFL	Hammond's Flycatcher	f	u	u		AMPI	American Pipit	c		c	r	RWBL	* Red-winged Blackbird	c	c	c	c	
PSFL	* Pacific-slope Flycatcher	f	f	u								WEME	* Western Meadowlark	f	r	u	r	
SAPH	Say's Phoebe	r				BOWA	Bohemian Waxwing	r			r	YHBL	Yellow-headed Blackbird	r	r			
WEKI	Western Kingbird	r	r			CEWA	* Cedar Waxwing	f	c	c	r	RUBL	Rusty Blackbird				ca	ca
EAK6	* Eastern Kingbird	r	c	u								BRBL	* Brewer's Blackbird	c	c	f	f	
						NOSH	Northern Shrike	u			u	BHCO	* Brown-headed Cowbird	f	f	u	r	
HOLA	Horned Lark	r		r														
PUMA	Purple Martin	ca				EUST	* European Starling	c	c	c	c	NOOR	* Northern Oriole	u	u	r		
TRSW	* Tree Swallow	c	c	u								ROFI	Rosy Finch			r	r	
VGSW	* Violet-green Swallow	c	c	u		SOVI	* Solitary Vireo	f	f	f		PIGR	Pine Grosbeak				r	
NRWS	* Northern Rough-winged Swallow	c	c	f		HUVI	Hutton's Vireo	r	r	r	r	PUFI	* Purple Finch	f	f	f	f	
BKSW	Bank Swallow	r		u		WAVI	* Warbling Vireo	f	f	f		HOFI	* House Finch	c	c	c	c	
CLSW	* Cliff Swallow	c	c	f		REVI	* Red-eyed Vireo	r	f	f		RECR	Red Crossbill	r	r	r	r	
BASW	* Barn Swallow	c	c	f								CORE	Common Redpoll				r	
						TEWA	Tennessee Warbler				ca	PISI	* Pine Siskin	f	u	u	f	
STJA	* Steller's Jay	c	c	c	c	OCWA	* Orange-crowned Warbler	c	f	c		AMGO	* American Goldfinch	f	c	f	u	
CLNU	Clark's Nutcracker			ca		NAWA	Nashville Warbler	r	ca	r		EVGR	Evening Grosbeak	u	r	r	f	
BBMA	Black-Billed Magpie				ca	YEWA	* Yellow Warbler	c	c	f								
NOCR	* Northwestern Crow	c	c	c	c	YRWA	* Yellow-rumped Warbler	c	u	c	r	HOSP	* House Sparrow	c	c	c	c	
CORA	* Common Raven	c	c	c	c	BTGW	* Black-throated Gray Warbler	f	u	f								
BCCH	* Black-capped Chickadee	c	c	c	c													
MOCH	Mountain Chickadee				r	TOWA	* Townsend's Warbler	f	u	f								
						AMRE	* American Redstart		ca									
CBCH	* Chestnut-backed Chickadee	c	c	c	c	MGWA	* MacGillivray's Warbler	f	u	u								
						COYE	* Common Yellowthroat	c	c	f								
BUSH	* Bushtit	c	c	f	f	WIWA	* Wilson's Warbler	c	f	c								

Other Wildlife:
The Pitt-Addington Marsh Wildlife Management Area has good mammal viewing and good spring frog choruses. Muskrats and beaver maybe easily observed, especially from March through November. Coyotes are visible year-round. Black bear and black-tailed deer may be observed occasionally.

Pitt Unit Access:
There is a large parking area at Grant Narrows, Regional Park. To get there, look for the blue and white Wildlife Watch binocular logo signs on the Lougheed Highway (Highway 7) in Pitt Meadows. From the highway turn north onto Harris Road. Continue north to McNeil Road and turn right. Follow this road to its junction with Neaves Road and Rennie Road where you turn left and head north towards Pitt Lake and Grant Narrows.

Addington Marsh Unfit Access:
The best access to Addington Marsh is from Minnekhada Regional Park. To get to the park from Lougheed Highway (Highway 7) in Port Coquitlam, turn north onto Coast Meridian, Road and follow the green and yellow regional park signs. From Coast Meridian Road turn right onto Apel Drive, and then right onto Victoria Drive. When Victoria Drive splits, follow the park signs left. Victoria Drive becomes Quarry Road. The park's parking lot is located on the right just after the road becomes gravel. Use the park map to find your way to Addington Marsh.

This is the first version of the PAMWMA bird checklist. It has been reviewed by birders familiar with the area, and 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 Wildlife Watch, BC Environment, 10334 - 152A Street, Surrey, B.C. V3R 7P8.

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