

Endangered Species and Spaces

3.0 Mammals

Because of its diverse climate and topography, British Columbia contains an extremely rich array of mammals. There are 105 terrestrial mammals and 238 subspecies currently recognized. 61% of these are found nowhere else in Canada and 21% are endemic to the province (Nagorsen, 1990). The provincial red and blue lists currently contain 54 species of mammals. Within the Columbia Basin there are 15 species so designated. (See **Table 4** below). Brief species accounts are provided for each of these species following the table.

Table 4: Mammals at Risk in the Columbia Basin

Common Name	Scientific Name	Global (G) Prov. (S) Rank	Prov. list
Grizzly Bear	<i>Ursus arctos horribilis</i>	G4,S3	Blue
Wolverine	<i>Gulo gulo luscus</i>	G4T4,S3	Blue
Fisher	<i>Martes pennanti</i>	G5,S3S4	Blue
Badger	<i>Taxidea taxus</i>	G5,S2	Red
Mountain Caribou	<i>Rangifer tarandus</i>	G5T2T3Q,S2S3	Blue
Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep	<i>Ovis canadensis canadensis</i>	G4G5T4T5, S3	Blue
California Bighorn Sheep	<i>Ovis canadensis californiana</i>	G4G5T4,S3	Blue
Least Chipmunk (oreocetes)	<i>Tamias minimus oreocetes</i>	G5T3,S1S3	Red
Least Chipmunk (selkirki)	<i>Tamias minimus selkirki</i>	G5T1T3,S1S3	Red
Red-tailed Chipmunk (ruficaudus)	<i>Tamias ruficaudus ruficaudus</i>	G5T5,S2	Red
Red-tailed Chipmunk (simulans)	<i>Tamias ruficaudus simulans</i>	G5T4T5,S2	Red
Southern Red-backed Vole	<i>Clethrionomys gapperi galei</i>	G5T?Q,S3S4	Blue
Northern Pocket Gopher	<i>Thomomys talpoides segregatus</i>	G5T2Q,S2	Red
Northern Long-eared Myotis	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	G4,S2S3	Blue
Townsend's Big-eared Bat	<i>Corynorhinus townsendii</i>	G4,S2S3	Blue

Source: CDC Provincial Tracking Lists

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