

Checklist of the Amphibians and Reptiles of British Columbia

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This checklist is derived from the Amphibians and Reptiles of British Columbia (Matsuda et al. 2006), with nomenclatural updates in 2012 following Crother (2008). Edited by Brent Matsuda, February 2012.

Salamanders

Long-toed Salamander	<i>Ambystoma macrodactylum</i>	Native
Northwestern Salamander	<i>Ambystoma gracile</i>	Native
Tiger Salamander	<i>Ambystoma mavortium</i>	
subspecies Blotched Tiger Salamander -	<i>Ambystoma mavortium melanostictum</i>	Native
Coastal Giant Salamander	<i>Dicamptodon tenebrosus</i>	Native
Rough-skinned Newt	<i>Taricha granulosa</i>	Native
Ensatina	<i>Ensatina eschscholtzii</i>	
subspecies Oregon Ensatina -	<i>Ensatina eschscholtzii oregonensis</i>	Native
Coeur d'Alene Salamander	<i>Plethodon idahoensis</i>	Native
Western Red-backed Salamander	<i>Plethodon vehiculum</i>	Native
Wandering Salamander	<i>Aneides vagrans</i>	Native

Frogs and Toads

Coastal Tailed Frog	<i>Ascaphus truei</i>	Native
Rocky Mountain Tailed Frog	<i>Ascaphus montanus</i>	Native
Great Basin Spadefoot	<i>Spea intermontana</i>	Native
Western Toad	<i>Anaxyrus boreas</i> (synonym <i>Bufo boreas</i>)	
subspecies Boreal Toad –	<i>Anaxyrus boreas boreas</i>	
(synonym <i>Bufo boreas boreas</i>)		Native
Northern Pacific Treefrog	<i>Hyla/Pseudacris regilla</i> (syn. Pacific Chorus Frog)	Native
Boreal Chorus Frog	<i>Pseudoacris maculata</i>	Native
Northern Red-legged Frog	<i>Rana aurora</i>	Native
Columbia Spotted Frog	<i>Rana luteiventris</i>	Native
Oregon Spotted Frog	<i>Rana pretiosa</i>	Native
Wood Frog	<i>Lithobates sylvaticus</i> (synonym <i>Rana sylvatica</i>)	Native
Northern Leopard Frog	<i>Lithobates pipiens</i> (synonym <i>Rana pipiens</i>)	Native
Green Frog	<i>Lithobates clamitans</i> (synonym <i>Rana clamitans</i>)	Introduced
American Bullfrog	<i>Lithobates catesbeianus</i> (synonym <i>Rana catesbeiana</i>)	Introduced
Cascades Frog	<i>Rana cascadae</i>	Possible

Freshwater Turtles

Western Pond Turtle	<i>Actinemys marmorata</i>	Extirpated
Painted Turtle	<i>Chrysemys picta</i>	
subspecies Western Painted Turtle -	<i>Chrysemys picta bellii</i>	Native
Asiatic (Chinese) Turtle	<i>Chinemys reevesi</i>	Introduced
Pond Slider	<i>Trachemys scripta</i>	
subspecies Red-eared Slider -	<i>Trachemys scripta elegans</i>	Introduced
Snapping Turtle	<i>Chelydra serpentina</i>	Introduced
Spiny Softshell Turtle	<i>Apalone spinifera</i>	Introduced

Marine Turtles

Green Turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	Accidental
Leatherback Sea Turtle	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	Native
Olive Ridley	<i>Lepidochelys olivacea</i>	Accidental

Lizards

Pigmy Short-horned Lizard	<i>Phrynosoma douglasii</i>	Extirpated
Common Wall Lizard	<i>Podarcis muralis</i>	Introduced
Western Skink	<i>Plestiodon skiltonianus</i> (synonym <i>Eumeces skiltonianus</i>) subspecies Skilton's Skink - <i>Plestiodon skiltonianus skiltonianus</i> (synonym <i>Eumeces skiltonianus skiltonianus</i>)	Native
Northern Alligator Lizard	<i>Elgaria coerulea</i> subspecies Northwestern Alligator Lizard - <i>Elgaria coerulea principis</i>	Native

Snakes

Rubber Boa	<i>Charina bottae</i>	Native
Sharp-tailed Snake	<i>Contia tenuis</i>	Native
Desert Nightsnake	<i>Hypsiglena torquata</i> subspecies Northern Desert Nightsnake - <i>Hypsiglena torquata desertycola</i>	Native
Racer <i>Coluber constrictor</i>	subspecies Western Yellow-bellied Racer - <i>Coluber constrictor mormon</i>	Native
Gopher Snake	<i>Pituophis catenifer</i> subspecies 1) Pacific Gopher Snake - <i>Pituophis catenifer catenifer</i> subspecies 2) Great Basin Gopher Snake - <i>Pituophis catenifer desertycola</i>	Native Extirpated Native
Common Garter Snake	<i>Thamnophis sirtalis</i> subspecies 1) Valley Garter Snake - <i>Thamnophis sirtalis fitchi</i> subspecies 2) Red-sided Garter Snake - <i>Thamnophis sirtalis parietalis</i> subspecies 3) Puget Sound Garter Snake - <i>Thamnophis sirtalis pickeringii</i>	Native
Northwestern Garter Snake	<i>Thamnophis ordinoides</i>	Native
Western Garter Snake	<i>Thamnophis elegans</i> subspecies Wandering Garter Snake - <i>Thamnophis elegans vagrans</i>	Native
Western Rattlesnake	<i>Crotalus oreganus</i> subspecies Northern Pacific Rattlesnake - <i>Crotalus oreganus oreganus</i>	Native

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