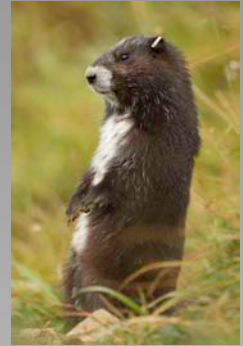


# Reintroducing Vancouver Island Marmots to Strathcona Provincial Park

The BC Provincial Government, together with the BC Hydro - Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program and the Marmot Recovery Foundation, is bringing the endangered Vancouver Island marmot back to its historical subalpine habitat in Strathcona Provincial Park.



This uniquely Canadian species is one of 15 species of marmots found worldwide, and is the only marmot native to Vancouver Island. In 2003, there were fewer than 30 Vancouver Island marmots in the wild. A successful captive-breeding program at the Calgary and Toronto Zoos, Mountain View Conservation Centre, and the Tony Barrett Mount Washington Recovery Centre is providing the means to restore wild populations.

## Identification

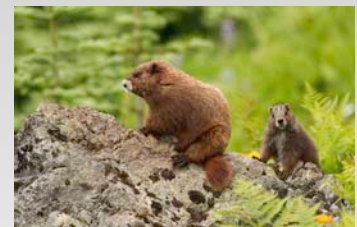
- size of housecat
- long tail
- dark brown fur
- adults have faded brown or orange fur with light patches
- white nose, chest
- shrill whistle
- some have silver ear tags with ID numbers (top photo)



**Did you see a Vancouver Island marmot in or near Strathcona Provincial Park? Please tell us!**

## What to report:

- 1. Location, location, location!** Record the GPS coordinates and elevation, mark it on a Google Earth image, Google map, or photocopied map, or describe the site using addresses, crossroads, distances, landmarks, or habitat type (eg. forest edge, rock pile).
- 2. Did it have silver ear tags?** Could you read the number?
- 3. Did you take photos?** Photos are very helpful. Please send us any photos you took of the marmot or area.
- 4. Your contact info.** How do we contact you if we have any questions?



To report sightings of Vancouver Island marmots, please contact the **Marmot Recovery Foundation** at 1-877-462-7668, [marmots@telus.net](mailto:marmots@telus.net)

For additional information, please visit [www.marmots.org](http://www.marmots.org)

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