



In the summer of 2023 our director Martin visited his sister-in-law and her Canadian partner in the Okanagan Lake region of British Columbia with his wife and 9 year old. Before heading to the lake we visited Vancouver Island for a week and had some great whale watching. We stopped at Victoria (VIC), Tofino (TOF), Telegraph Cove (TEL), Nanaimo (NAN) and Mt. Washington Ski Resort (WAS) whilst on the island and saw a good number of species here 19 mammals on the island and then a further 5 species were seen on the mainland between Vancouver City (VAN) and Okanagan Lake (OKA), the other places listed on the table are Duncan (DUN) and Cathedral Park (CAT) where we stopped along the way for a couple of hours.

Below is a summary list of the species we saw and where we saw them as well as some pictures.

Species List

Vancouver Island Holiday

Jul/Aug 2023

Mammals

	Common Name	Binominal Name	VIC	TOF	TEL	NAN	WAS	DUN	CAT	VAN	OKA
1	Minke whale	<i>Balaenoptera acutorostrata</i>			*						
2	American beaver	<i>Castor canadensis</i>				*					
3	Elk	<i>Cervus canadensis</i>						*			
4	Sea otter	<i>Enhydra lutris</i>		*	*						
5	Grey whale	<i>Eschrichtius robustus</i>		*							
6	Steller's sea lion	<i>Eumetopias jubatus</i>	*	*	*						
7	Pacific white-sided dolphin	<i>Lagenorhynchus obliquidens</i>	*								
8	North American river otter	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>			*						
9	Woodchuck	<i>Marmota monax</i>									*
10	Vancouver Island marmot	<i>Marmota vancouverensis</i>					*				
11	Humpback whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	*	*	*					*	
12	Little brown bat	<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>									*
13	Mule deer	<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>			*	*	*				
14	White-tailed deer	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>									*
15	European rabbit	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>				*					
16	Harbour seal	<i>Phoca vitulina</i>	*	*	*						
17	Harbour porpoise	<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>		*	*						
18	Dall's porpoise	<i>Phocoenoides dalli</i>			*					*	

19	Common raccoon	<i>Procyon lotor</i>
20	Western harvest mouse	<i>Reithrodontomys megalotis</i>
21	Eastern grey squirrel	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>
22	Eastern cottontail	<i>Sylvilagus floridanus</i>
23	American red squirrel	<i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus</i>
24	American black bear	<i>Ursus americanus</i>

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Birds

	Common Name	Binominal Name
1	Northern pintail	<i>Anas acuta</i>
2	Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>
3	Great blue heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>
4	Marbled murrelet	<i>Brachyramphus marmoratus</i>
5	Canada goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>
6	Red-tailed hawk	<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>
7	California quail	<i>Callipepla californica</i>
8	Turkey vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>
9	Pigeon guillemot	<i>Cephus columba</i>
10	Rhinoceros auklet	<i>Cerorhinca monocerata</i>
11	Killdeer	<i>Charadrius vociferus</i>
12	Common nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>
13	Feral pigeon	<i>Columba livia</i>
14	American crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>
15	North western crow	<i>Corvus caurinus</i>
16	Common raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>
17	Steller's jay	<i>Cyanocitta stelleri</i>
18	Sooty grouse	<i>Dendragapus fuliginosus</i>
19	Horned puffin	<i>Fratercula corniculata</i>
20	Black oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus bachmani</i>
21	House finch	<i>Haemorhous mexicanus</i>
22	Bald eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>
23	Barn swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>
24	Varied thrush	<i>Ixoreus naevius</i>
25	Dark-eyed junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>
26	Californian gull	<i>Larus californicus</i>

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5	Albacore	<i>Thunnus alalunga</i>
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Amphibians

	Common Name	Binominal Name
1	Green frog	<i>Lithobates clamitans</i>

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Harbour Seal



Steller's Sea Lion



California Sea Lion



Sea Otter



Grey Whale



Humpback Whale



Dall's Porpoise



American Black Bear



Common Raccoon



Mule Deer



American Red Squirrel



Vancouver Island Marmot



American Beaver



Eastern Cottontail

