



A Bird at Risk...



Once abundant over much of Washington and British Columbia, this grassland dwelling bird has now disappeared from most of its historic range.

Predominantly an inhabitant of grasslands, the Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse are often encountered in open areas during spring, summer and fall. In winter, sharp-tails retreat to aspen groves and riparian areas in search of buds and berries and shelter from predators and the cold.

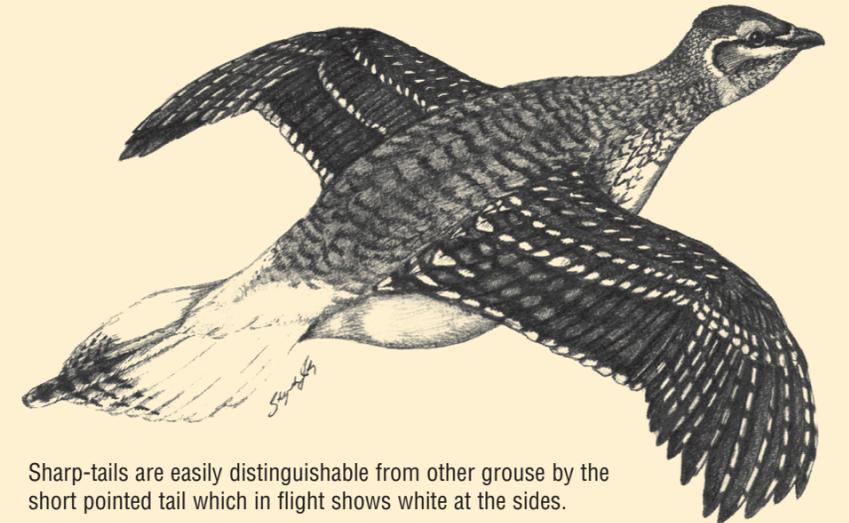
Lac du Bois Grasslands Park supports a population of this vulnerable grouse and plays an important role in the preservation of this unique bird.

You can help...tread lightly

If you flush one or more pale, speckled brown grouse during your visit to the Lac du Bois Grasslands Provincial Park, chances are very good you've encountered the Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse. Kindly consider...

- Observe them from a distance and do not attempt to follow them.
- Learn to distinguish sharp-tails from other grouse. There is no hunting season for this species. Hunters, if in doubt, don't shoot.
- Keep dogs under control at all times. Training dogs on wildlife is strictly prohibited.
- All, except authorized motor vehicles are restricted to designated roads. This helps reduce the spread of habitat-damaging weeds.

Report any illegal activities in the Park. Irresponsible use of the Park can result in damage to critical habitats of the sharp-tailed grouse and other species of concern.



Sharp-tails are easily distinguishable from other grouse by the short pointed tail which in flight shows white at the sides.

Sharp-tails are also the only grouse species that "clucks" as they take flight.

Act Now... this bird needs your help!

Join in the conservation of sharp-tails and other grassland species. Help protect Grassland Habitat. Grasslands are BC's most endangered ecosystem. By protecting grasslands sharp-tails and other species will continue to thrive in these areas.

To learn more about the sharp-tailed grouse, the Lac du Bois Grasslands, and how you can help in conservation and stewardship please contact:



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