

## **Getting to know Chilliwack's Species at Risk**

**Species at risk profile:** Western Screech-owl, *kennicottii* subspecies, *Megascops kennicottii kennicottii*

### **What it looks and sounds like:**

A small owl with a brown-grey streaked compact body (up to 25.5 cm) with yellow eyes and small ear tufts. Call is a series of low whistles that [sounds like](#) an accelerating 'bouncing ball'. [Click here for more identification details.](#)

### **Where it lives:**

Lives in mature low-elevation forests with mixed deciduous and coniferous trees. Historically found throughout the Fraser Valley, this owl is now located in only a few places.

### **What it eats:**

A predator that hunts a variety of prey, including mice, shrews, birds, insects, frogs, salamanders, fish, and insects.

### **What are its main threats in the Fraser Valley?**

Loss of suitable habitat. Predation by larger owls.

### **Did you know?**

- Lives in the valley year-round.
- Depends on other birds, such as woodpeckers, to create their nesting cavities.
- Will use human-made nest boxes.
- Click [here](#) for more facts.

### **How you can help:**

Help to install and monitor [nest boxes](#).

Check out this [guide](#) for Western Screech-owl land management recommendations.

Join the [Nature Stewards](#) program for personalized property advice.

See or hear a Western Screech-owl? – take a photo, record the location, and send it to [outreach@fraservalleyconservancy.ca](mailto:outreach@fraservalleyconservancy.ca).

For any questions about this or other species at risk, contact the [Fraser Valley Conservancy](#).