

SHUBENACADIE CANAL'S ANIMAL OF THE WEEK

Black-capped Chickadee

Poecile atricapillus

The Black-capped Chickadee can be found throughout the province and most defiantly in the Shubie Park. Even if you've never seen one, you've almost certainly heard their signature

chick-a-dee-dee-dee call. These birds are small and round, measuring 12 to 15cm in length. They have grey



backs, white/tan bellies and a black cap and bib which covers their eyes. They live in tree covered areas such as forests and build their nests in tree holes. As for food, chickadees eat bugs and seeds depending on what's available to them. They'll even hide bits of food around their territory so they'll always have a snack ready to go. Black-capped chickadees are able to stay cozy in their tree shelters for the duration of winter and don't migrate to warmer climates. Even in the winter months they can be found hopping through the trees collecting seeds. If you're walking through the park and happen to have some sunflower seeds and a bit patients in your pocket, try holding your hand flat out and let the chickadees land. They'll fly down, grab the edge of your hand and perch for an afternoon snack.



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