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WelcomeBC



A young Red-flanked Bluetail
A tiny bird comes to Vancouver.
Photo by John Gordon

<http://thecanadianwarbler.blogspot.ca/>

A tiny bird is big news

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burnabybirdguy.wordpress.com / Wikipedia

A tiny bird is big news in B.C. these days.
A young Red-flanked Bluetail
has come to Queen's Park
in New Westminster.
It is far from home.

Not a Canadian bird

Our tiny visitor is not from Canada.
It has come from Siberia.
It should be in Japan or India for the winter.
This is a rare event.
The Red-flanked Bluetail has never been
to Canada before.

Visitors flock to see it

Birders are travelling from far and near.
They want to see our small visitor.
News of the bird is attracting people
from other parts of Canada.
They are coming from the United States, too.
The people take pictures.
For birders, seeing this bird
is a dream come true.

Very healthy and active

The little bird has everything it needs in B.C.
Queen's Park has a lot of fat worms, grubs
and seeds to eat.
The bird loves to playfully **flick** its tail
and **dash** around from branch to branch
and tree to tree. It is quick.
It can catch insects in mid air.

Likes it here

The tiny bird is not in a big hurry to leave.
Birders hope that it will stay here
for a while.
This will give more people a chance to see it.
This is a memory of a lifetime for many
people.

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(Vocabulary and links are on the next page.)

Vocabulary:

- **Flock (verb): to travel together**
Birds and sheep flock together.
- **Birders (noun): people who watch birds**
The birders are excited about the Red-flanked Bluetail.
- **Flick (verb): a quick movement**
The bird flicked its tail.
- **Dash (verb): to suddenly move**
The cat dashed up the tree when it saw a big dog.

John Gordon Links:

Blog:

<http://thecanadianwarbler.blogspot.ca>

Stock photography:

<http://www.johngordonsphotography.com>

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