

### LEGEND

**QUATERNARY**  
 PLEISTOCENE AND RECENT  
 Q Glacial fill, alluvium, and colluvium; unit designators in parentheses are the inferred underlying bedrock units.

**CRETACEOUS**  
 UPPER LOWER AND UPPER CRETACEOUS  
 SUSTUT GROUP (units KTC and KBP)  
 CAMPANIAN AND MAASTRICHTIAN  
 BROTHERS PEAK FORMATION: sandstone, siltstone, conglomerate, and full; sandstone and siltstone are cream- and grey-weathering; full is cream-weathering; conglomerate in laterally continuous sheets is most common near base.  
 APTIAN OR ALBIAN TO CAMPANIAN  
 TANGO CREEK FORMATION: micaceous sandstone, siltstone, mudstone, and minor quartz grit and pebble conglomerate; sandstone is grey- and green-weathering; occurring as laterally continuous sheets and as lenses; siltstone and mudstone are grey-, black-, and maroon-weathering.

**JURASSIC AND CRETACEOUS**  
 UPPER JURASSIC AND LOWER CRETACEOUS  
 BOWSER LAKE GROUP  
 JKBu Undivided Bowser Lake Group.  
 JKBs SKELHORNE ASSEMBLAGE (deltaic assemblage): thinly interbedded and varioloured siltstone, sandstone, and conglomerate (with or without coal), commonly arranged in coarsening- and thickening-upward cycles; common features of sandstone are parallel bedding, crossbedding, ripples, burrows, bivalve coquina, and brown-, green-, and grey-weathering; conglomerate is rusty- and grey-weathering, but constitutes a lower proportion (15–30%) of the unit than in the Englehart assemblage; conglomerate units, up to 50 m thick, cap cycles up to 70 m thick, and tops locally have megaspores, plant and marine fossils are common, and trace fossils including Skolithus and Diplocrateron are present, as are tree fragments several metres long.

**JURASSIC**  
 UPPER MIDDLE TO UPPER JURASSIC  
 BOWSER LAKE GROUP  
 RITCHE-ALGER ASSEMBLAGE (submarine fan assemblage): sandstone, siltstone, and rare conglomerate; approximately equal proportions of sheet-like intervals, up to 50 m thick, dominated either by siltstone, shale and very-fine-grained sandstone, or by medium-grained sandstone; siltstone and/or fine-grained sandstone is dark grey- and black-weathering; sandstone is medium- and light grey-weathering; abundant turbidite features (e.g. Bouma cycles, flame structures, flute- and groove casts); conglomerate includes debris flow deposits; marine fossils.

**LOWER AND LOWER MIDDLE JURASSIC**  
 HAZELTON GROUP  
 JHu Undivided volcanic and intercalated clastic rock of the Hazelton Group; regionally includes subaerial and marine mafic volcanic rocks and epiclastic rocks; felsic volcanic rocks include silt, dykes, welded and nonwelded ignimbrites, and full breccia; epiblastic and basaltic rocks, includes volcanic debris-flow conglomerate, breccia, conglomerate, siltstone, shale, and limestone.

**LOWER JURASSIC**  
 Undivided Bowser Lake Group and upper Hazelton Group clastic rocks.

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Geological boundary (defined, approximate, assumed or inferred beneath unit Q)

Trace of individual beds from ground observation and airphoto interpretation

Fault, unknown displacement (defined, approximate, assumed or inferred beneath unit Q)

Thrust fault (defined, approximate, assumed or inferred beneath unit Q; symbol on hanging-wall side)

Fault, reverse (defined, approximate, assumed or inferred beneath unit Q; symbol on hanging-wall side)

Fault, normal (defined, approximate, assumed or inferred beneath unit Q; symbol on down-thrown side)

Anticline, trace of axial surface (defined, approximate, overturned; arrow on line indicates direction of plunge)

Syncline, trace of axial surface (defined, approximate, overturned)

Conglomerate

Bedding (upright, top unknown, overturned)

Cleavage (inclined)

Joint (inclined)

Fault

Fold axis

Fossil locally

Outcrop examined; bedding attitude not determined (selected locations shown)

### DESCRIPTIVE NOTES

This map overlaps the boundaries of volcanic rocks of the Skeena, the classic Bowser Basin, and the classic Sustut Basin. The primary intent of the map is to show the distribution and stratigraphic and structural relationships of Bowser and Sustut basin rocks. The Early to Middle Jurassic rocks of the Skeena are included to provide context and illustrate basement structures. Descriptions and interpretations of Bowser and Sustut basin rocks relevant to this map may be found in Elsbacher (1974), Evenchick et al. (2003), Evenchick and Thorpe (2005), and McMechan (in press). The broader map context of these units is provided by Evenchick et al. (2006).

Sources of information are mapping by S. Porter in 1992, and by M. McMechan, C.A. Evenchick, and F. Ferri in 2007. Previous mapping by Elsbacher (1974).

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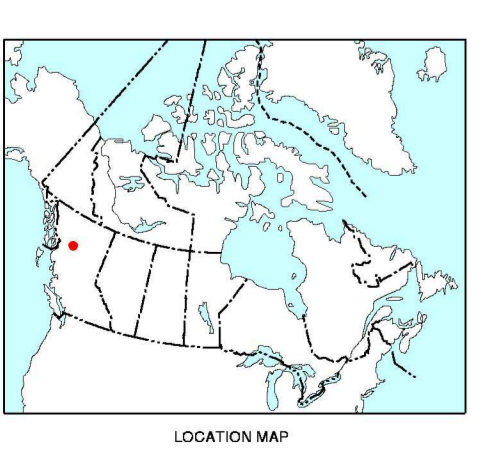
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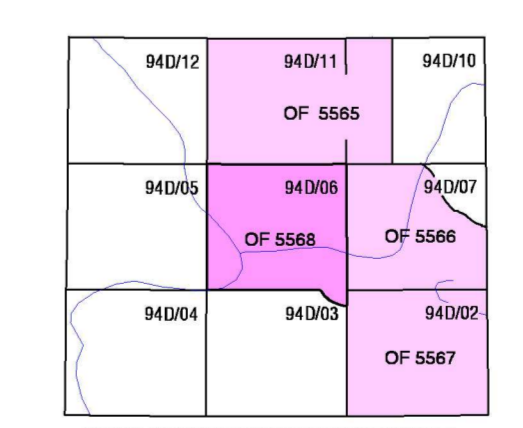
Generalized geology of Bowser and Sustut basins and location of this map



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**BIRDFLAT CREEK**  
 BRITISH COLUMBIA  
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 Universal Transverse Mercator Projection  
 North American Datum 1927  
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Digital base map from data compiled by Geomatics Canada, converted to NAD27 by DDD  
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 Elevations in metres above mean sea level  
 Contour interval 20 metres



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