

# Teacher's Guide to Environment Yukon 2016-17

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You can also call us at 1-800-661-0408, or visit our website [www.env.gov.yk.ca](http://www.env.gov.yk.ca)

## Other Important Contacts

Science Adventures (E-4)  
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[scienceadventures.wix.com/scienceadventures](http://scienceadventures.wix.com/scienceadventures)

## Websites

Environmental Education Association of the Yukon  
[eeyukon.weebly.com](http://eeyukon.weebly.com)

Wild Education [www.wildeducation.org](http://www.wildeducation.org)

EECOM: The Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication [www.eecom.org](http://www.eecom.org)

Magical Thread Online Nature Storybook  
[www.magicalthread.com](http://www.magicalthread.com)

Hinterland Who's Who? [www.hww.ca](http://www.hww.ca)

Green Teacher Magazine [www.greenteacher.com](http://www.greenteacher.com)

EE North [www.eenorth.com](http://www.eenorth.com)



## Why Environmental Education is Important

It may be a cliché, but it's true: it is more effective to educate and change people's behaviour than it is to legislate and enforce. This is why we have several Environment Yukon staff dedicated to education and outreach.

We encourage environment and wildlife learning—or "EnviroWild Learning"—to help Yukon teachers stay informed about the latest opportunities. We maintain a network of EnviroWild contacts in Yukon schools. Call 667-3675 for the name of the contact in your school.

Our vision is for Environment Yukon to lead by demonstrating exceptional stewardship through our actions.

Our mission emphasizes how we will safeguard Yukon's ecosystem and become a trusted partner to achieve the vision of a healthy, sustainable and prosperous Yukon.

Environment Yukon sets the territory's safe standards for air, water and soil. We manage human impacts on fish and wildlife, provide quality outdoor recreation opportunities in our parks and campgrounds, address the challenges of global climate change, and work with First Nations to implement Final Agreements.

## What Can We Do for You?

Project WILD and several other Resource Guides for K - 12 educators.

Invite one of our trained environmental educators into your classroom to deliver workshops or in-class mentoring sessions on our resource guides. Contact us for this great professional development opportunity.

About 100 free publications in print and online. Great for classroom use.

Have a particular environmental, wildlife or conservation subject in mind? We have resources and ideas!

Get an interpretive talk by a local expert to enhance your lessons or units of study.

Several of our events have a school component, including the Celebration of Swans and Yukon Biodiversity Awareness Month.

We offer school and youth programs, including Celebration of Swans school programs, the Conservation Action Team, the Yukon Youth Conservation Corps summer program, and Hunter Education and Ethics Development.

## Resource Guides for Educators

Many of the learning resource guides we offer are cross-referenced to the new B.C./Yukon curriculum.

For more details on any of these, or to arrange a workshop, contact the Manager of Youth Programs and Environmental Education at 667-3675.

### Project WILD (K-12)

This is the classic wildlife and environmental learning guide, tried and true, with well over a million educators trained in North America. Available through an in-service or after-hours workshop.



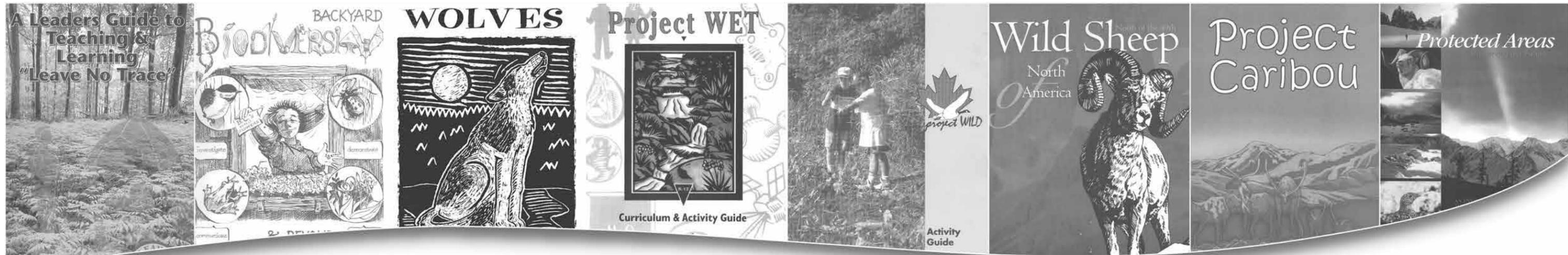
### Below Zero (K-12)

The long-awaited cold weather companion to Project WILD, this popular and relevant resource is available to teachers through a hands-on workshop. It is full of indoor/outdoor activities (some developed by Yukon teachers) that focus on wildlife in the winter.



### Project WET (K-12)

This mega-guide (91 fun activities!) aims to "facilitate and promote awareness, appreciation, knowledge and stewardship of water resources." Teachers are required to take a hands-on workshop.



## Resource Guides (cont...)

**Project Caribou (K - 12)** This made-in-the-North resource gathers the best of materials and activities focusing on caribou, the symbol of the northland. Download it at [www.projectcaribou.net](http://www.projectcaribou.net).



### Wild About Bears

This resource features information on the three species of North American bear and numerous teacher-friendly activities. Includes a Yukon section.

**Wolves: A Yukon Learning Resource (K - 10)** All about wolves and how they work in their ecosystem. Activities are divided into primary, intermediate and high school levels. One unit gets students to critically examine media reports about wolves.



### Wild Sheep of North America (K - 10)

A resource about wild sheep in Yukon and elsewhere. Like all of the resources listed here, up-to-date information is complemented by hands-on activity ideas.

### Get Outdoors! (K -12)

This resource is a compilation of activities from teachers aimed at taking students outside to learn in and about the environment. It has links to prescribed learning outcomes for the B.C. curriculum for each grade.



## Publications

The following is a partial list of publications that may interest Yukon teachers. For a complete list, or to obtain copies of any of those found below, phone 667-3675 or download them at [www.env.gov.yk.ca/brochures](http://www.env.gov.yk.ca/brochures).

- Bird Checklists (Yukon, Whse, Faro/Ross River, Tombstone)
- *How you can stay safe in bear country* (booklet)
- *Into the Yukon Wilderness* (booklet)
- Maps (parks & protected areas, eco-regions, First Nation Traditional Territories, wildlife distribution, etc.)
- *Wildlife of the Yukon and Yukon Biodiversity* (Chris Caldwell colouring posters)
- *Wildlife Viewing Guide* (booklet)
- *Common Yukon Mushrooms* (booklet)
- *Common Yukon Roadside Flowers* (booklet)
- *Yukon Amphibians* (booklet)
- *Yukon Bats* (booklet)
- *Yukon Butterflies* (booklet)
- *Yukon Ungulates* (booklet)
- *Yukon Wildlife Activity Book* (book)

## FREE! Green Teacher Magazine ONLINE VERSION

*Green Teacher* is an award-winning online and print magazine that is published four times a year and contains information about current environmental education and global issues. Environment Yukon has purchased online subscriptions for all schools in Yukon.



For access codes please call 667-3675, or your school's EnviroWild Education contact.

## Games

### BIGFOOT littlefoot (4 - 7 and up)

The idea of a person's "ecological footprint" is the basis of the game. In moving around the board, each player attempts to reduce his/her individual footprint. Players also cooperate to earn puzzle pieces that make up a map of the eco-regions of Yukon. Available in all school libraries. In-class training available. See website for new simplified rules! [www.env.gov.yk.ca/environment-you/bigfoot](http://www.env.gov.yk.ca/environment-you/bigfoot)



## Special Events

### Summers

#### Wild Discoveries

Walks, talks, and guided trips on various wildlife and environmental subjects. A calendar of events lists activities from June to September. Call Wildlife Viewing for more info at 667-8291, or see our website anytime at [www.env.gov.yk.ca/viewing](http://www.env.gov.yk.ca/viewing).

### September 2016

**National Forest Week:** September 18 - 24  
[www.canadianforestry.com](http://www.canadianforestry.com)

### April 2017

#### Yukon Biodiversity Awareness Month

Preserving biodiversity is one of the most critical issues of our time... and Yukoners can play a part!

#### Celebration of Swans

It just gets better every year! And the swans keep coming back! Swan Haven Interpretive Centre open April 1 - 30.

#### National Wildlife Week: April 9 - 16

The department provides National Wildlife Week posters and teacher's kits to schools. Special events and talks are available.

#### Earth Day: April 22

[www.earthday.net](http://www.earthday.net)

### May 2017

**International Migratory Bird Day:** May 13  
[www.birdday.org](http://www.birdday.org)

**Faro Crane and Sheep Viewing Festival:** May 5 - 7

### June 2017

**Canadian Environment Week:** June 4 -11  
[www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/canadian-environment-week](http://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/canadian-environment-week)

**Weekend on the Wing Birding Festival:**  
Tombstone Park, first weekend in June

**World Environment Day:** June 5  
[www.unep.org/wed](http://www.unep.org/wed)

**Rivers to Oceans Week:** June 8 - 14  
Celebrate the world's oceans and watersheds and the end of the school year at the same time! Teachers' kits and posters available.

## Specific School and Youth Programs

Contact us for more information on any of the following:

### Spring 2017

#### Celebration of Swans School Programs and Art Contest

We offer free school programs for grades 2 - 6 from April 5 - 25 at the Swan Haven Interpretive Centre south of Whitehorse. Book early for your class!

Service aussi disponible en français.

An associated art contest for students closes on March 27. Call 667-8291. See [www.env.gov.yk.ca/swans](http://www.env.gov.yk.ca/swans).



#### Water Week (March)

We offer free water-themed workshops, presentations, and activities to Yukon classrooms throughout the month of March. If you are interested in having presenters come to your classroom please contact Water Resources at 456-6538.

### Summer 2017

#### Conservation Action Team (CAT)

This popular summer camp program has attracted eager participants from grades 6 - 9. Campers travel around Yukon for 8 - 10 days. Almost all gear is supplied and the cost is minimal. Application deadline: May 15.



#### Yukon Youth Conservation Corps (Y2C2)

This work experience program for students aged 16+ offers environmental learning and a wage. Students work on a variety of conservation projects around the territory. Application deadlines: Crew Leaders and Green Team workers (post-secondary students)—early April, field workers—May 29.



### Year-round

#### Hunter Education and Ethics Development (HEED)

Hunting and trapping are an important part of our Yukon culture. Our Hunter Education and Trapper Education Coordinators are available to help your classes learn about safe and ethical practices and supplement the online training that is currently available. To discuss possibilities, please contact Hunter Education at 867-393-6206 or Trapper Education at 867-393-6273.

