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Links: web sites of interest

BC Curriculum Connections to WILD, WET, and more:
www.hctf.ca/wild/educator

Environmental Education North
www.eenorth.com

Environmental Education Association of the Yukon
www.taiga.net/YukonEE

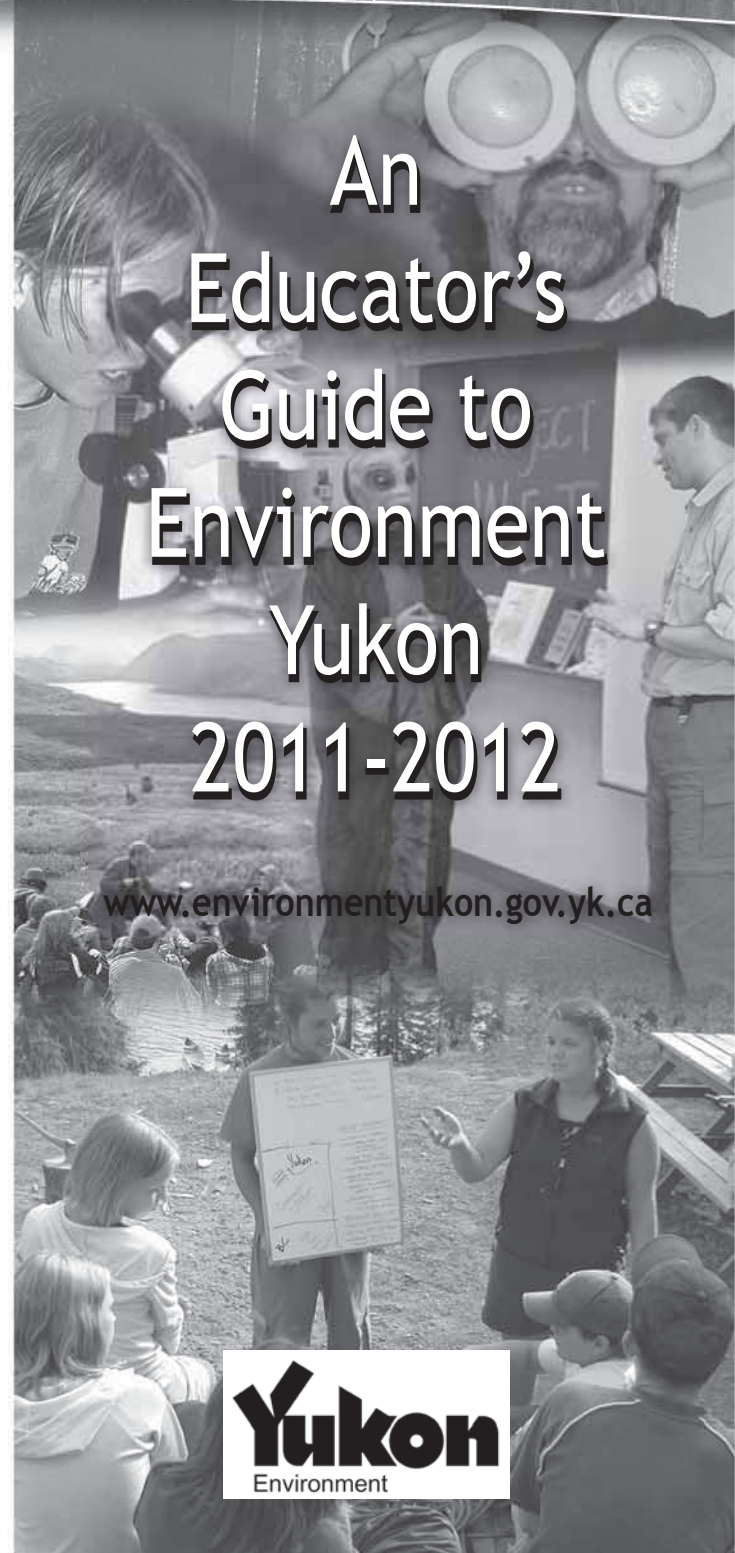
Wild Education www.wildeducation.org

EECOM: The Canadian Network for Environmental Education and Communication www.eecom.org

Climate Change North www.climatechangenorth.ca

Parks Canada Teacher's Corner www.pc.gc.ca/education

Hinterland Who's Who? www.hww.ca



An Educator's Guide to Environment Yukon 2011-2012

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About Environment Yukon

We are the part of the Government of Yukon responsible for managing and preserving the Yukon's environment and its wildlife.

We've grown over the years from being a wildlife management and enforcement agency into a dynamic organization with a broad range of responsibilities including: environmental protection and water quality; campgrounds, parks, and protected areas; rare plants and animal species; and of particular interest for you, education, outreach and wildlife viewing.

Why are we involved in education and outreach? What is EnviroWild education?

It's a cliché, but true: it's more effective to educate and change people's behaviour than to legislate and enforce. This approach is considered important enough to have several staff from various programs at Environment Yukon dedicated to education and outreach, including those in Conservation, Wildlife Viewing and Youth Programs sections. We do "Environment" and "Wildlife" education – or EnviroWild education. In order to keep you, the Yukon teacher, informed about the latest opportunities available to you, we maintain a network of EnviroWild contacts in Yukon schools. Call 667-3675 for the name of the contact in your school.

What can we do for you?

Resource Guides for Educators: It all started twenty years ago with Project WILD. Now there are many, many more special learning guides on a variety of topics available to Yukon teachers...

Publications: Our department offers around 100 free publications. Many are suitable for classroom use...

Consultation: Looking for teaching ideas on a particular environmental, wildlife or conservation subject? We can help!

Guest Presenters: Would an interpretive talk by a local expert enhance your lessons or units of study? For a presentation on a wildlife or environment topic, contact us to find the right fit for your classroom.

Special Events: We take a lead role in several events with a school component, including the Celebration of Swans, Yukon Biodiversity Awareness Month and more!

Youth and School Programs: We offer special programs including Celebration of Swans school programs, the Conservation Action Team and Yukon Youth Conservation Corps summer programs and Hunter Education and Ethics Development.

*** NEW THIS YEAR ***

EnviroWild Facilitator's Network: We have a group of environmental educators trained to deliver workshops or in-class mentoring sessions on our resource guides. Contact us for this great PD opportunity.

Resource Guides for Educators

Here's a little info about each of the learning resource guides we offer. Many are cross-referenced to the Learning Outcomes in the B.C. IRPs (see "Links" section for on-line access). 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)

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.

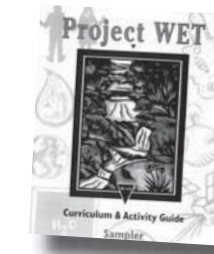


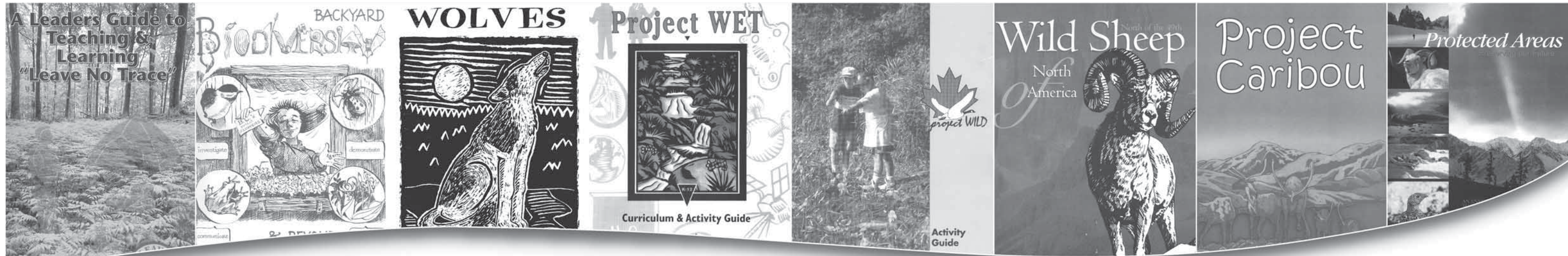
Below Zero (K-12)

The long-awaited cold weather companion to Project WILD, just recently published and available to teachers through a hands-on workshop. Full of indoor/outdoor activities that focus on wildlife in the winter.

Project WET (K-12)

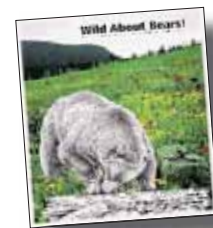
This mega-guide (91 fun activities!) aims to "facilitate and promote awareness, appreciation, knowledge and stewardship of water resources". Teachers are required to take a hands-on workshop.





Resource guides (continued)

Project Caribou (K-12) This made-in-the-North resource gathers the best of materials and activities focusing on caribou, symbol of the northland (150 pp). Downloads and info at www.projectcaribou.net.



Wild About Bears

This resource features background information on the three bears of North America, and numerous teacher friendly activities to reinforce concepts. Includes a Yukon section.

Wolves: A Yukon Learning Resource (K-10) All about wolves and how they fit 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 the 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 BC curriculum for each grade.



Publications

The following is a partial list of publications of interest to Yukon teachers. For a complete list, or to obtain copies of any of those found below, phone 667-3675 or download at:

www.environmentyukon.gov.yk.ca/mapspublications/brochures.php

- *Be Bear Aware* (pamphlet)
- *Be Bear Aware* (colouring book, 20 pages)
- *Bird Checklists* (Yukon, Whse, Faro/Ross River, Tomb stone)
- *Flora Collection Project* (Grade 5, workbook)
- *How you can stay safe in bear country* (booklet)
- *Into the Yukon Wilderness* (24 pages)
- *Maps* (parks & protected areas, eco-regions, First Nation Traditional Territories, wildlife distribution etc.)
- *Wildlife of the Yukon* (Chris Caldwell colouring poster)
- *Wildlife Viewing Guide* (booklet, 64 pages)
- *Yukon Amphibians* (booklet)
- *Yukon Bats* (booklet)
- *Yukon Butterflies* (booklet)
- *Yukon Invaders* (pamphlet)
- *Yukon Roadside Flowers* (pamphlet)
- *Yukon Rare Plants and Birds* (pamphlet)

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 the Yukon.



For access codes please contact Kathleen Mcdade at Environment Yukon (667-3675), or your school's EnviroWild Education contact.

Games

BIG FOOT 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 which make up a map of the eco-regions of the Yukon Territory. Available in all school libraries. In-class training available! SEE WEBSITE FOR NEW SIMPLIFIED RULES!



Special Events

Year round

Wild Discoveries

Walks, talks, and guided trips on various wildlife and environmental subjects are coordinated under this program. 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.environmentyukon.gov.yk.ca/viewing.

September 2012

National Forest Week: September 18-24, 2012
www.canadianforestry.com

April 2012

Yukon Biodiversity Awareness Month: April, 2012

Preserving biodiversity is one of the most critical issues of our time... and Yukoners can play a part! YBAM brings many celebrations, including Earth Day (April 22) under one umbrella.

National Wildlife Week: April 8-14, 2012

For the last decade, the Department has sent out National Wildlife Week posters and teacher's kits to schools. Special events and talks are often planned.

Celebration of Swans: April 14-22, 2012

It just gets better every year! And the swans keep coming back! Other important dates: Swan Haven Youth wetland-art submission deadline: March 30, Swan Haven Interpretation Centre open: April 1 - 30.

Earth Day: April 22 www.earthday.net

May 2012

International Migratory Bird Day: May 12, 2012 www.birdday.org

Faro's Crane and Sheep Viewing Festival: May 4-6, 2012

Canadian Environment Week: June 2-9, 2012

June 2012

Weekend on the Wing Birding Festival, Tombstone Park: June 1-3, 2012

World Environment Day: June 5 www.unep.org/wed

Rivers to Oceans Week: June 8-14, 2012 www.riverstooceansweek.ca
Celebrate the world's oceans & watersheds and the end of the school year at the same time! If you are interested, there are teachers' kits and posters available.

Specific school and youth programs

Contact us for more information on any of the following:

Spring 2012

Celebration of Swans School Programs: We offer free school programs for grades 2-6, April 10-27 at the Swan Haven Interpretation Centre south of Whitehorse. Book early for your class! Deadline March 30. *Service aussi disponible en français.* Call 667-3675.



Summer 2012

Conservation Action Team (CAT): This popular summer camp program, for students finishing Grades 6-9 in the spring, will be entering its 21st year of operation in 2011. Participants travel around the Yukon for 8-10 days. Almost all gear is supplied and cost is minimal. Application deadline is early May.



Yukon Youth Conservation Corps (Y2C2):

In operation for almost as long as CAT, this work experience program for students aged 16+ offers environmental learning and a decent 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 (mid-May).



Year-round

Hunter Education and Ethics Development (HEED): All hunters born after 1987 must attend a free 20-hour HEED workshop. These are held throughout the year in most Yukon communities, depending on enrollment, but also available for students during school hours. Topics include firearm safety, wilderness survival, wildlife identification, hunting regulations, wildlife management and outdoor ethics. Call the Hunter Ed Coordinator at 393-7078.

