A first for Canada

On the afternoon of Thursday, August 2, one of the largest searches this province has ever known, came to an end high in the branches of an ancient Sitka spruce tree near the Carmichael Valley. WCWC researcher John Nelson carefully crawled out onto a narrow moss-laden branch and gingerly reached for a small Overhanging spruce cone that was warping slightly. A few feet above him, University of Victoria marbled murrelet expert Irene Manley strained to watch John's progress through her spotting scope.

John and Irene were in the Wuthela Valley, a pristine area of ancient rainforest just to the southeast of Carmichael Valley. Since March they had been working as a team documenting marbled murrelet activity in the upper Carmichael Valley and surrounding area using the WCWC committee's rainforest vegetation as a base of operations. There were a good match. Irene is an expert in the habits of the birds while John is an experienced mountaineer who has taught himself to scale the huge trees using his mountain climbing skills.

Together they documented a very high level of nesting activity in the upper Carmichael Valley. This was important information for several reasons. The marbled murrelet is listed as a threatened species by the Canadian Wildlife Service. In B.C. the small red-billed waterfowl is found in suitable undisturbed forests within 70 miles of the coast. It cannot survive in previously logged forest.

John and Irene's findings had come on the heels of a recent B.C. government decision to allow logging in the upper Carmichael Valley. They believe a nest was found in a single morning - would strengthen the committee's call for preservation of the entire Carmichael Valley.

Besides documenting the bird's activities, John and Irene had been trying to find a nest. Irene would search from the ground and send John up to the tree tops areas where murrelets were seen to be landing. For months they looked with no success. Researchers have found a nest in the nesting season, the team decided to survey the Wuthela Valley to compare activity with the upper Carmichael Valley. A bird was sighted flying into a tree. After two days of observations with no further sightings of activity in the tree, John scaled the 70 metre giant. Fifty metres up and 4 metres out on a moss-covered branch something caught his eye. He had found what he was looking for! "There are shells in the bottom's" yelled John, too excited to think about anything else. "You found a nest!" yelled Irene.

The nest, about 12 centimetres across and not much more than a depression in the moss, had been occupied less than two days before. Shell fragments, fresh droppings and two small feathers were found in the nest. The next day, John found a second nest in the same tree with two eggs.

In the first three years of the program only 17 nests were recorded in all of British Columbia. This year several unknown nests have been discovered. The WCWC committee has asked the B.C. government to put a moratorium on all logging and road building near the nest site until studies can be conducted.

Stay tuned, the fight to protect critical rainforest habitat in B.C. will heat up as the nesting season continues to be hotly contested by the B.C. government and the forest industry.

Government responds to pressure and restricts trade in animal parts

In May the wildlife committee released an internal B.C. government report which indicated a massive slaughter of wildlife by poachers. The report, which was leaked to the committee by a government official, estimated that 6,500 deer, 3,500 moose, 900 elk, 1,500 black bears, 250 grizzlies, 220 mountain sheep, 120 cougars and hundreds of thousands of birds and other animals were poached across the province in 1978.

The committee demanded, through the media, that the sale of bear and other animal parts be illegal in order to make it more difficult for poachers. WCWC also requested an increase in funding to put more conservation officers in the field to catch and bring poachers to justice.

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Through a glass darkly, hot tar and all

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The Victoria Branch is growing so rapidly that we cannot think of the idea of sticking desks, one on top of the other. So, from the 1st of Sept., I will be occupying larger quarters. Take note of our new address: 19 Bastion Square, Victoria, B.C. V8W 1J1. This will act as both our new office and temporary store until we can find suitable quarters for our retail outlets.

Victoria’s branch has done an amazing job, having increased membership 15 fold, from 200 in 1990, in just one year. Thanks to all those hard working people!

During the last school year, the Victoria Branch’s schools program was run exclusively by the branch. This allowed us to keep up with the demand for our programs across the province, which helped to expand on this for the coming school year.

Victoria has worked extensively on the Camanah, and is now providing materials and volunteers to help make the Camanah old growth research station a reality.

Victoria has organized several field trips to the area, bringing dozens of students and teachers from around the world to explore and discover the scientific community, as well as over 100 local residents involved. Many exciting discoveries have resulted from these trips.

An initial reconnaissance trip to the Whaletown Valley, which was photo-documented, brought to light much more of the Camanah watershed. This issue is moving rapidly and is a crucial part of watershed preservation in BC. Stay tuned for updates!

Victoria conducted initial field trips to document the logging practices in the Lower Tsimshian Valley and recorded the effect of this. The first reactive meeting of the Tsimshian is an excellent opportunity to discuss the effects of this.

Wilderness action moves south


The most important natural areas in the world are not in the Wild, but rather in the north.

Why the need for such an organization? As with the WCF, the World Wildlife Federation is exploring ways to protect the world’s natural heritage, and has already negotiated a number of agreements with countries that have already signed the Convention on Biological Diversity.

The art book and documentary film will be the only chance to explore the Camanah wilderness project. Shortly after the book is completed, the film will be screened at the world-class films on the Camanah Valley called Life As Good As A Dream. Many of the images will be turned into a Macmillan computer game created by Wonder Forest Learning Center in Vancouver. This interactive feature brings the Camanah experience to the world, and the leading edge of the wilderness preservation movement.

Camanah Artistic Vigons in 1989

Vigons are the traditional art form of the Tsimshian people. In 1989, Vigons were created to raise awareness and funds for the Camanah watershed preservation.

The Vigons were sold out within a few weeks, and a second batch was created to meet demand. A third batch was also created for the future.

The Vigons are made from a variety of materials, including wood, metal, and paper. They are sold at local stores and at the Camanah store in Victoria.

Artists signing collector’s edition Camanah books at the Camanah store in Victoria. The 25th leather-bound books are being offered with at least 60 of the 79 artists’ signatures.

Stores get message out through retail sales

Wilderness committee stores began a campaign to ensure public visibility at the retail stores in Victoria. Some stores, but not all, put a public face to every day behind the scenes. Although they were also a great way of meeting tourists and recruiting support worldwide.

The stores help support the growing demand for quality environmental products and resources. As we continue to grow and select more of these products, we are always happy to welcome you to our store.

Watch to improve practices

The Western Canada Wilderness Committee’s Forest Watch committee collected data on the organization’s efforts from 1989 to 1999.

Six workshops, attended by more than 100 people, were held to discuss the current state of forest management. Theresults are designed to improve participants’ critical abilities regarding forest practices and to provide a basis for future involvement in local and provincial forestry issues.

Retail, whether through our own retail or through successful mall displays, satisfies two important needs of the public. First, they educate the public about the local issues and the local community. Second, they help to raise funds for the community’s educational programs.

Visit your local store, support your local store, support the local community.

Strategies to protect ecological diversity and the economic stability of local communities are key to the success of the Camanah movement. The Camanah is a project that is funded by local communities and businesses. Demand for the workshops is high, and we are looking forward to a successful future workshops on Vancouver Island and elsewhere worldwide.
Carmanah Valley research update

High in the moss-hung forest canopy of the upper Carmanah Valley, insect traps hang like Christmas ornaments from a 245-foot (75 m) tall Sitka spruce tree. Researchers from the University of Victoria have been using a system of climbing ropes and ladders to climb into the remotely inaccessible world of the trees. Sample insects are collected from the various traps, each designed to catch insects with different wing patterns, then bottled and sent to a lab in British Columbia for identification. On the forest floor, similar traps provide comparative samples of insect life on the ground.

In the damp, green world of the forest floor, nesting logs lie for centuries nurturing the seedlings of forest trees with their nutrient-rich mosses. Among many other species, mussels and seedlings that seem like giants, a tiny primitive spider scuttles through a maguey-thick layer of fallen needles. Never before found in Canada, this 45 million-year-old relic has not yet evolved to be able to spin a web. It is most closely related to modern-day tarantulas.

Early in the morning, around dawn, chunky, short-winged little marbled murrelets fly among the tree tops, circling and power diving, then disappearing into the crowns of the giant trees to their nest sites. Marbled murrelets are diving seabirds which feed at sea and nest in the moss-covered branches of old-growth trees. Researchers based in the Carmanah Valley have found the first marbled murrelet nest in Canada. It was found in adjacent Walbran Valley on August 20. Scientists had been tracking birds and compiling valuable baseline data on this threatened species all spring and most of the summer before a search, which lasted 100 years, came to fruition.

Meanwhile, downstream on the flat floodplain where the giant spruce trees grow, a civil engineering student measures stream channels and studies soil samples and bank vegetation. Working towards his masters degree, his work will assess the biological impacts of upstream logging on the Sitka spruce habitat now contained but not necessarily protected within Carmanah Pacific Provincial Park.

Important questions are being answered and posed by the research in Carmanah Valley. Carmanah has emerged as one of the marbled murrelets hot spots on the west coast. What are the needs of these threatened seabirds? Is it the rapid loss of their nesting habitat that drives them in and out of Carmanah and surrounding valleys? Why is Carmanah unique in harboring species such as the coastal spider?

Will the superlatively wide riverbed of the upper Carmanah park be ravaged by floods resulting from upstream logging as happened at Chilliwack and elsewhere in the Columbia river? Only through continued effort do we have any chance.

Koevy threatened

The Koevy River lies in the central coast of British Columbia near the village of Namu, approximately 300 air miles north of Vancouver. It contains some of the most mature wildlife on the coast, in particular grizzly bears.

Koevy (Kooyi, pronounced Koevy) is a Haida or Bella Bella Indian word meaning “sitting on the water.” Lying within the Heiltsuk land claim, the Koevy is an area of coastal rainforest which remains relatively undisturbed.

Grizzly bears are found throughout the drainage and the sedge meadows of the estuary are of particular importance to them. Other species observed in the watershed and area are: humback whale, killer whale, Pacific white-sided dolphin, black bear, pine martens, mink, river otter, wolf, bald eagles and marbled murrelets. All five species of salmon use the system.

Until now the Koevy has been spared because of its remoteness. However, there are plans now to log the valley and build a fishing lodge at Koevy Bay. The Koevy lies within MacMillan Bloedel’s TFL 39 Block 7 and an estimated 3,994 hectares of timber is slated for cutting. The road into Koevy is presently under construction. At this point in the fight to save the Koevy area is urgent.

The Heiltsuk Tribal Council has an outstanding land and sea claim which has been accepted for negotiation. They rely on the Koevy as a principal route for food fishing of sockeye salmon, as well as for hunting and salmon fishing.

Other values in the area include an abandoned Indian village considered to be a major archaeological site on the central coast. The Koevy is also favored by many boaters and other recreational users being located on the Inside Passage.

Who will save Boundary Bay?

On July 9 the wilderness committee expressed strong concern in a letter to B.C. Environment Minister John Reynolds that a one to two kilometers strip of land inside the Boundary Bay dune should be preserved. The estuary is an integral part of the most important international migratory stop-over on the Pacific Flyway, accommodating 1.5 million birds annually.

Boundary Bay is home to 310 bird species and the only Canadian link for a large number of avian migrants between South America, Central America, the San Francisco Bay area and Alaska. The bay supports the largest number of wintering raptors including hawks, owls, falcons and eagles in Canada. The birds of prey feed on small mammals in the tidal area. As well, the Point Roberts Boundary Bay area supports 35 nesting pairs of great blue herons, the second largest heronry on the Pacific coast of North America.

The wilderness committee views the entire area as an ecosystem which should not be divided by mixing golf courses with farmland. Waterfront, in marsh and field, and rest and gather to stage for continued flights in low lying and flooded fields.

The plan is to use the provincial government for enforcing a 1948 law which allows farmland to be used for golf courses, was that it would attract and cater to tourists. The idea was that golf courses could be returned to farmland in the future. The course preparation; however, usually demands that gravel and soil be placed over existing soil. Reclamation would be very difficult.

Delta council gave third reading to a bylaw in the spring on proposals for two golf courses located next to the dune, one in the most prolific raptor feeding area. Fourth and final reading was imminent. On July 20 the B.C. environment minister phoned Delta Mayor Doug Harbour to ask him to delay fourth and final reading until previously requested environmental studies were complete. These studies will be finished within a month or two. The result is that the movement of bulldozers and fill trucks onto the farmlands has been delayed for at least another four months.

The committee will continue to monitor the situation and be ready to take further action if it appears that Delta council and the provincial government are going to shirk their responsibility to the public by favoring golf course development over the proposed bird sanctuary.

Multi-media slide show for book launching of Clayoquot: On the Wild Side
Thurs., Oct. 18, 7 p.m. Robson Sq Media Centre

Randy Stolzmann cuts a wedge from a 1,000-year-old red cedar in a clearcut near Carmanah Valley. Stolzmann, the committee’s expert, expects eventually to find a live 1,400 year-old cedar in the area. Such a world record would bring even more encouragement to the efforts made to preserve old-growth forests for their biodiversity.
WILD Campaign goes planet-wide

by Adrienne Carr

We are just entering WWC's tenth year of existence — a new era for us and the planet. Having helped WWC grow from our living room to a multi-branch, multi-million dollar (full staff and volunteer) operation, the most daring and challenging step we've taken, I believe, is to leap into the global arena with our international WILD (Wilderness is the Last Dream) campaign.

WILD is a natural outgrowth of our inner city, and effective local work. Helping save the world's oldest and richest deciduous forest, Strathcona Park, perfectly complements helping preserve the world's oldest and richest deciduous forest, Strathcona Park. Sika, a species living in a producing ecosystem in Canada, both are essential to conserve biodiversity and sustain the long-term health of our living planet.

Our first WILD working conference, held at the Westcoast Centre in Vancouver in June of 1990, brought together leading wilderness experts and activists from 26 different countries. They met, after a week of 12-hour working days, with a better understanding of the global wilderness crisis, new international friendships and with glowing praise for the initiative of Wild Canada. From this experience, many of us reaffirmed our love and commitment to the WILD Campaign in its infancy.

Although WILD's plans and budget for the upcoming year are still conceivable, I believe that all of us can work together to make this happen. The problem is that we do not have enough people working on this project. WILD is committed to building upon the unique vision and leadership style of the Wilderness Committee working with local and regional wilderness groups, responding quickly and effectively to threats, and maintaining high standard of excellence in proposal and publications. Now it is up to you. We have all the tools to make this happen. Please make a donation today and support the WILD Campaign in this important and critical time.

SPECIAL "WILDE" RESOLUTION

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THE WILD CONFERENCE BEGINS MAPPING THE VISION

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The Environmental Wilderness Action Team from 27 nations gathered at the Earth First! Conference in Vancouver, B.C. to map out the global strategy for the．．．

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"As environmentalists, we are focused on the struggle to save small fragments of wilderness, which is often difficult to remember the whole planet of which the Conference is dedicated to the week-long WILD conference held in Honolulu in June so important!"

Sponsored by British Columbia's Western Canada Wilderness Committee, the conference brought together some of the most experienced wilderness advocates from around the world to map an essential task — to map all areas of wilderness left on the planet. In an age of satellite imaging and supercomputers, it is surprising to realize that we don't even know where they are in the way of untouched areas on earth.

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WHAT IS WCWC'S WILD CAMPAIGN ALL ABOUT?

Our planet Earth is currently experiencing the greatest environmental threat it has ever known. It is losing its stability, and not in an improved or a sustainable manner. The cause of this is the order of 12,000 extinctions of species greater than the natural order of extinction. This threat is to an estimated 25% of all species on this planet, the unique forms of life on Earth.

This loss of biological diversity will be catastrophic. Species do not exist in isolation; they are interlinked in ecological webs. Extinction may then cause extinctions of a host of others which depend upon them. Furthermore, since the biogeochemical cycles are necessary for all life on Earth, the loss of the diversity of life systems, such as the hydrological cycle, soils and climate patterns, means that the planet is not viable to the stability and sustainability of the earth.

Earth's wild places are the biodiversity banks of the planet where adaptation, specialization, and evolution have been unimpeded. The longer these areas last, the greater the diversity of life at risk. The loss of the significant amount of these areas means a loss of unexplored natural biomes, potential for new medicines, and of course, loss of ecologically significant areas.

Our mission is to protect wild places in order to protect all the unique species (1% of all life on Earth) that live in them.

Wild places exist in all ecosystems. Tropical rainforests are the greatest storehouse of new foods and medicines, yet women in the Amazon have recently become aware of the loss of 1% of tropical rainforests.

In many cases, native people have the greatest knowledge of their wild places. We believe that the loss of knowledge and biological diversity has which has reached crisis proportions, is particularly acute for aboriginal peoples whose existence and culture are directly linked to their wild places.

Wild (Wilder) is the Last Dream is a campaign based on the conviction that wild places are the wellspring of life and that we must act now on a global scale to do something concrete to stem the tide of destruction.

Birth of the WILD Campaign

The WILD campaign was conceived by a group of four women, one of whom, Adrienne Hoyer, was the director, in the spring of 1989. Upon persuasion by Adrienne, WCWC at the 1990 WCWC Annual General Meeting, with much effort and a special WCWC project responsible for its own fundraising, decided to support the campaign.

WCWC's WILD Campaign is guided by a subcommittee of 12 women whose goal is to create a long-term WCWC project called WILD. Director currently is Caroline Lunder, director of the environmental geography in Victoria Community College. The management team includes Paul Green, founding director of WCWC and graphic artist Sue Frodyma. Together they build a staff of 15 and team of over 40 volunteers.

WCWC's WILD campaign is over 2,000 questionnaires of creative and active. People from all over the world to bring attention and to participate in the global awareness of the plight of the planet and to act to protect the planet. The WILD campaign is to bring the message of WILD, and to participate in the WILD campaign.

There is no more compelling message to the planet than the story of the WILD campaign's impact on the planet. The campaign is a great opportunity to share with the world the story of the planet. The campaign is a great opportunity to share the story of the planet.

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Mid-Island group highly active on trails and networking

Over the first year of its operations, the Mid-Island branch of the wilderness committee has been extremely busy. Along with hosting the successful Carmanah art show last fall, a great deal of effort has gone into promoting the trail and boardwalk construction projects in the upper Carmanah Valley.

Volunteers designed and built the bridge crossing the headwater creek and spent much time gathering and hauling salvaged plumbing from Gogo's. The sympathetic owners of this Nanaimo mill have supported the use of usable salvaged second-growth lumber for Carmanah.

The local office is gearing up for full-scale hosting this July, which includes Carmanah, Clayoquot Sound and the Migrating River. Discussions with union and native representatives at the Tla'amin Conference in Port Alberni will be an integral part of the upcoming effort.

The trail work has led the branch into hosting a series of tours into Carmanah, raising funds and providing first-hand experiences for Islanders and visitors alike. In turn, the branch is looking to expand the tours both locally and up-Island to more areas in need of protection. The Vancouver Island Backtrail Project is a long-term initiative which is hoped will link wilderness and parks in a green corridor the length of Vancouver Island.

Some areas of immediate concern on the North Island have yet to receive the attention they deserve including the Tl'ukityu, Kyopot and Brooks Peninsula. Attention has instead focused on Robert Ridge to protect the lower watershed of the Tl'ukityu.

A variety of forestry and envirovec issues are presently being worked on by the branch, throughout the province and volunteers are involved in reviewing logging plans for many of the watersheds on the Island, including the Alberni, Nanaimo, Carmanah and Tulikwa rivers plus Clayoquot Sound and the Gulf Islands. Watch the news closely for upcoming government decisions.

Working with the Save the George Strait Alliance, the rustic wilderness committee has been a great help in providing research and education, raising the profile of Island forests and the diversity of life dependent upon clean environments. Immediate and long-term goals have been set to protect coast and interior forests.

Pollution from the local Harmac pulp mill owned by MacMillan Bloedel has come in the form of toxic waste being dumped over a 24 square mile area. The branch has called for the site to be closed, something the Environment Ministry is reluctant to do despite the threat to health, agriculture and ground water supply in the area.

Mid-Island Store

The Mid-Island branch of the Western Canada Wilderness Committee operates a retail store in Nanaimo at 140 B South Terminal Avenue. The storefront carries a wide variety of wilderness committee and other products, including books and environmentally-friendly merchandise.

The store is open six days a week, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. The area covered by the Mid-Island Branch includes the regions from Ladysmith to Campbell River and west to Tofino and Ucluelet. Undoubtedly, branch concerns will extend beyond these boundaries particularly to North Island communities.

Nanaimo River Mapping Project

Research is underway with the Nanaimo River mapping project. Tree farm licence lands within the Nanaimo River watershed are almost completely logged over. The present five-year plan will see the last of the remaining old-growth forests within the Nanaimo River Tree Farm Licence logged by the end of 1993. The Ministry of Forests has approved this plan before the public has had a chance to view the proposed vishing in the area. Those who have appealed to Fletcher Challenge and have agreed to forego further legal action have a decision advisory committee can recommend areas that should be preserved for future generations to study and enjoy.

For more information contact the tour committee at WCWC Box 1200, 140 B South Terminal Ave., Nanaimo B.C. VR3 5CS or phone 753-5951.

Carmanah tour

The Mid-Island Branch is offering guided tours to Carmanah every two weeks for $45 ($40 seniors). The fee includes transportation from Ladysmith to the beaches of experienced and knowledgeable guide. The buses depart at 7 a.m. and return about 12 hours later.

Travellers should come prepared to see and feel this old-growth rainforest. Bring a lunch, snacks, something to drink, a day pack, toiletries and a change of clothes and shoes. The moderately difficult trip can be wet and muddy.

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New Yorker articles post forest industry

A lengthy article on energy, environmentalism, and the forest industry.

The New Yorker has published an extensive article focusing on the oil and gas industry, the environmental impact of logging, and the conflicts between resource extraction and conservation efforts. The article, titled "New Yorker articles post forest industry," delves into the complexities of the timber management industry and the push for more sustainable practices.

The New Yorker has been a consistent voice in environmental journalism, and this article is part of their ongoing efforts to raise awareness about the impacts of the forest industry on the environment and local communities. The article highlights the challenges faced by environmentalists and indigenous peoples in protecting sensitive areas and the importance of finding alternative sources of income that do not rely on the traditional extraction of resources.

The New Yorker articles post forest industry are available online for subscribers and can be accessed through the magazine's website. Subscribers also have access to exclusive content and features that are not available in the print edition.

For more information, visit The New Yorker's website or subscribe to their digital or print editions to stay informed on the latest articles and issues.

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Letter from the comptroller

CLAYOQUOT: On the Wild Side
Following on the tremendous popularity of Ceramitis: Artistic Vision of an Ancient Walrus, Clayoquot
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