



# Wildlife Habitat Canada Habitat Faunique Canada

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## *Update on Activities*

*January 2012*

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Célébrant plus de 25 ans de conservation des habitats fauniques***

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*Welcome to Wildlife Habitat Canada's Update on Activities.  
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### **2012 Youth Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp**

14 year old Carson Visser from Burlington, Ontario has been selected as the winning artist for the third annual Canadian Youth Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp. Carson's winning entry, entitled "Curious Visitor", depicts a Barred Owl in its native habitat.

The Youth Stamp has been created in partnership with the Robert Bateman Get to Know Contest, a nationwide competition that encourages youth to submit their artwork, photography and written work to celebrate their "outdoor neighbours."

Proceeds from the sale of the Youth Stamp will support wildlife conservation projects undertaken by youth.

### **Comments from the Artist:**

2012 Canadian Youth Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp  
Timbre sur la conservation des habitats fauniques de la jeunesse canadienne



"Seeing a Barred Owl while hiking in its natural habitat was very special for me. I've often heard owls in the distance but this was the first time I've seen and heard one up close in the wild. My family and I hushed at the sound of the owl's hoot. Everything was quiet - even the songbirds were silent. We stopped, our eyes captivated by the owl's dark, mysterious eyes that seemed to be sizing us up. The owl didn't seem bothered by our presence as it let

out a haunting "Who-Cooks-For-You!" song that rang through the forest.

I don't think I'll ever forget that moment and I knew I just had to try and capture it in a painting. I was so intrigued by the owl's call and dark eyes that I wanted to make the forest foliage reflect the same mystery."

-C. Visser

Carson's artwork also appears as the cover image of the 2012 Robert Bateman Get to Know Contest Calendar.



### **Support youth in conservation!**

To purchase a stamp or calendar, please visit:

<http://www.whc.org/en/online-store>

### **Did You Know...?**

You can fundraise with the Youth Stamp? If you are a conservation organization, school or group looking for a new way to fundraise, you can earn up to \$2.00 for every Youth Stamp you sell! Healthier than chocolate bars and less time-consuming than events, the Youth Stamp is the perfect fundraiser.

Want more information? Please contact [youthstamp@whc.org](mailto:youthstamp@whc.org).



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### **Stamp & Print Program**

The 2012 Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp and Print image has been selected and is now in production! The winning entry was amongst the 19 paintings that were entered in the annual Art Competition, held at the Museum of Nature in Ottawa.

This year's subject matter was the Blue-winged Teal... but that is all we will tell you for now! To find out the name of the winning artist and view their beautiful painting... Stay tuned! The 2012 Stamp and Print image will be unveiled in April 2012.

### **Grant Program**

Wildlife Habitat Canada received 51 applications for proposed projects to be implemented in 2012-2013. Funding for projects will be approved in principle, pending finalization of a new Contribution Agreement with Environment Canada, at the Board of Director's meeting in January 2012.

In 2011/2012, Wildlife Habitat Canada provided close to \$1.2 million in support of 26 projects. The acreage and accomplishments for these projects will be available when they are completed in 2012.

For more information on wildlife habitat conservation projects funded by Wildlife Habitat Canada, please visit <http://whc.org/conservation/conservation-projects>.

### **WHC Recognized by DUC**

Wildlife Habitat Canada was recognized for its contribution to habitat conservation by Ducks Unlimited Canada on August 24, 2011 in Atocas Bay, ON. WHC was awarded the first ever Wetland Champion Award in Ontario.

WHC President Len Ugarenko gave the following remarks at the ceremony marking this occasion:

“On behalf of the Wildlife Habitat Canada Board of Directors and Staff it is a pleasure and honour to accept this recognition award from Ducks Unlimited Canada. Ducks Unlimited Canada is *the* leader in wetland conservation across Canada. They were there when Wildlife Habitat

Canada was formed in 1985 and for the past 27 years they have been one of our most valued partners. We look forward to continuing this partnership long into the future.”



WHC President Len Ugarenko (Center) with DUC staff Jim Brennan (Left) and Mark Gloutney (Right).

Recently, Wildlife Habitat Canada was featured in the DUC Conservator magazine. [Read the full article here.](#)

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### **Help Support Habitat Conservation**

To make a donation to Wildlife Habitat Canada to support quality habitat conservation projects across Canada, please visit:

<http://www.whc.org/en/how-to-help/donate>.



*Without habitat, there is no  
wildlife... it's that simple!*