

VII TSITIKA PROVINCIAL PARK AND ROBSON BIGHT ECOLOGICAL RESERVE

Robson Bight in B.C. is the 'core' area for a sizable proportion of the province's killer whales. Logging is planned for the wilderness watershed adjacent. CNF urges 1) the B.C. government to establish a provincial park to encompass the Lower Tsitika Watershed and an ecological reserve for the Robson Bight area; and 2) the federal government to protect killer whale habitat at Robson Bight under the Fisheries Act.

VIII BACKUS WOODS

Backus Woods near Port Rowan, Ontario is Canada's finest example of Carolinian Forest. CNF 1) recommends that the Carolinian nature of Backus Woods be preserved; 2) endorses the establishment of the woods as a special study area of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources with an independent management committee; 3) urges no harvest of trees; and 4) requests that the Federation of Ontario Naturalists have representation on the management committee.

IX NIAGARA ESCARPMENT

The Niagara Escarpment stretches 450 miles across southern Ontario, a unique feature of geological and natural value. The Ontario government passed an Escarpment Planning and Development Act and appointed a commission to propose a plan. CNF 1) supports the policy thrusts of the proposed Escarpment Plan; 2) urges the Ontario government to a) create a strong mechanism for plan implementation and b) continue and expand its program of funding for escarpment parkland acquisition.

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NEWS AND NOTES

SLIDE CONTEST WINNERS. The May 5th meeting featured a showing of slides submitted to the annual Nature Slide Competition. Entries were judged by photographer Herbert Lee who selected the following winners: First Prize - Ian Scott for 'Butterfly on a Wild Pansy'; Second Prize - Bill Glen for 'Pond Scene at Murray River'. Honourable Mentions went to Ian Scott for 'Spider's Web'; Debbie Peters for 'Amanita at Foot of Large Tree', and 'Red Maple and Beech Leaves'; and Margaret Mallett for 'Mayflowers', 'Spring Stream and Fallen Leaves', and 'Running Ground Pine'.

SUMMER FIELD TRIP. Reserve Saturday August 1st for an exploration of the old Princetown Road. The outing is intended to better acquaint members with parts of this historic route in preparation for the late September field trip we will be co-sponsoring with the Heritage Foundation. For details contact Rosemary Curley at 651-2585 or 892-3561.

HAWK WATCH DATES. The Atlantic Canada Region of the Hawk Migration Association of North America is trying to promote interest in hawk migration so that observers in various parts of the region will commence hawk watch activity. The association suggests the weekends of 29-30 August, 12-13 September and 3-4 October as times when peak movements are expected, so you should have the best chance of seeing hawks, provided the weather is favourable for migration. If you would like more information on how to get involved, how to select a good hawk watching site and how to collect and record data, write to David S. Christie, RR2 Albert, New Brunswick EOA 1A0.

HOLIDAY TIME. This issue is the last newsletter for the season. Natural History Society meetings and newsletters will resume in October. Happy summer to all.