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Endangered species hitch a ride to northeastern BC

VICTORIA, BC—The Royal BC Museum's travelling exhibition *Species at Risk* is back on the road for a third summer. After visiting the Okanagan in 2015 and the Kootenays in 2016, this pop-up display is now venturing to northeastern BC and, for the first time, crossing over briefly into the Yukon.

Two friendly and knowledgeable interpreters are taking the teardrop trailer into communities where they will work with local partners to share information about species and environments that are at risk or becoming extirpated (no longer found in a particular area but still found elsewhere).

Four new hands-on displays, mini-museums, will accompany the trailer. These mini-museums feature species from northeastern BC— Woodlands Cariboo, Hotwater Physa (an invertebrate that only lives in Liard Hot Springs), River Jewelwing (a type of dragonfly) and the Slender Gentian (a plant). These will be left with Peace River North School District 60, where local groups can borrow them throughout the year.

"Our touring exhibition celebrates BC as a biodiversity superpower," says CEO Prof. Jack Lohman. "It points to the importance of scientific collaboration across Canada and North America as critical to our future."

The exhibition highlights the plight of BC's most vulnerable flora and fauna, emphasizing positive (and easy) ways we can help our non-human neighbours. *Species at Risk* events are free (or included with admission to special events) and open to the public who are invited to visit, explore, learn and exchange knowledge about environmental stewardship.

Species at Risk will be on the Royal BC Museum grounds for its send-off on Saturday, July 1. See the full schedule of events for Canada Day [here](#). Find the *Species at Risk* schedule [here](#). Follow [@RBCMLearn](#) on Twitter for *Species at Risk* updates from the road.

Species at Risk is proudly sponsored by BCGEU. It is funded in part by the John and Joan Walton Innovation Fund, the Royal BC Museum Foundation and Francis Kermodé Group. TELUS is the official telecommunications partner for *Species at Risk*.



About the Royal BC Museum

The Royal BC Museum explores the province's human history and natural history, advances new knowledge and understanding of BC, and provides a dynamic forum for discussion and a place for reflection. The museum and archives celebrate culture and history, telling the stories of BC in ways that enlighten, stimulate and inspire. We are a hub of community connections in BC— onsite, offsite and online—taking pride in our collective histories.

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Media are invited to visit the exhibition when it arrives in a nearby location. Please use the contact information below to arrange a time.

High resolution images of the travelling exhibition are available upon request.

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