

BACKGROUND

SPECIES AT RISK

- Tiny Dark Saltflat Tiger Beetles, just 1.2cm long, and huge basking sharks, the size of a school bus, have something in common – they, along with 1500 species, are being pushed to the brink because of habitat loss, pollution, climate change and intense competition with invasive species here in BC.
- The Royal BC Museum’s travelling exhibition *Species at Risk* highlights flora and fauna from each region of BC that are at risk. Every community visited will get to learn about local plants and animals that are at risk and what they can do to help.
- Vancouver Island Marmots, Coastal Giant Salamanders, Lewis’ Woodpeckers, White Sturgeon, Marbled Murrelets, Northern Sea Lions, Sockeye Salmon, Pallid Bats and Caribou are just a few of the species at risk discussed in the pop-up exhibition.
- The exhibition is animated by two interpreters. Tablets, powered by TELUS, connected to the Royal BC Museum’s Learning Portal (learning.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/pathways/species-at-risk/) allow visitors to read, watch, listen and look at species at risk both onsite and from home.
- Mini-Museum kits specially designed the Royal BC Museum compliment the travelling exhibition. The outreach kits include specimens and hands-on learning tools to give students the opportunity to study specific species at risk, from the Western Bumblebee to the Rocky Mountain Ridged Mussel. www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/learn/school-programs/outreach-kits/species-risk-mini-museums
- *Species at Risk* launched in the summer of 2015, when it visited more than 3,500 British Columbians in 15 towns. In the summer of 2016 it visited more than 5,864 British Columbians in 22 communities.
- *Species at Risk* is housed in an inventively modified trailer produced in-house by the Royal BC Museum.



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

Tour Schedule

July 1st | Royal BC Museum | 11:00 am– 3:00 pm
 July 9 | Phoenix Theatre, Fort Nelson | 12:00 pm– 6:00 pm
 July 11 | Phoenix Theatre, Fort Nelson | 10:00 am– 4:00 pm
 July 12 | Phoenix Theatre, Fort Nelson | 4:00 pm– 7:00 pm
 July 14 | Fort Nelson Heritage Museum | 10:00 am– 4:00 pm
 July 16 | Community Hall, Toad River | 10:00 am– 4:00 pm
 July 18 | Watson Lake Visitor Centre, YK | 11:00 am– 4:00 pm
 July 20 | Northern Rockies Lodge, Muncho Lake | 3:00 pm– 6:00 pm
 July 21 | Liard Hot Springs | 10:00 am– 3:00 pm
 July 22 | Liard Hot Springs | 10:00 am– 2:00 pm
 July 25 | Farmers Market, Hudson’s Hope | 12:00 pm– 6:00 pm
 August 1-3 | Roman Walkway, Tumbler Ridge | 10:00 am– 4:00 pm
 August 4 & 5 | Doig River First Nations Rodeo | 1:00 pm– 6:00 pm
 August 9 | Pouce Coupe Library | 10:00 am– 3:00 pm
 August 10 | Dawson Creek Public Library | 10:00 am– 4:00 pm
 August 11-13 | Dawson Creek Exhibition and Stampede | 9:00 am– 4:00 pm
 August 16 | North Peace Museum, Fort St. John | 10:00 am– 4:00 pm
 August 18 | Peace River Lookout, Fort St. John | 1:00– 3:00 pm
 August 19 | Farmers Market, Fort St. John | 9:00 am– 3:00 pm
 August 21 | Mackenzie Museum, Mackenzie | 1:00 pm– 4:00 pm
 August 25 | Science World, Vancouver | 11:00 am– 3:00 pm

Special Events

Royal BC Museum Upper Courtyard, Victoria

July 1 | 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Come explore the *Species at Risk* trailer before we give it a fond farewell and it rides off into the province

Phoenix Theatre, Fort Nelson

July 12 | 7:00 pm

Joel Gibson, Curator of Entomology, will give a free public presentation at the Phoenix Theatre.

The Royal BC Museum has a number of travelling exhibitions (royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/exhibitions/travelling/) to connect with the diverse communities of BC and highlight BC's stories to Canada and the world. They include:

- *British Columbia's War, 1914–1918* (currently at Campbell River Museum until Sept 30 with smaller version at HMCS Alberni Museum, Comox until August 31)
- *Gold Rush! El Dorado in British Columbia*
- *Aliens Among Us: British Columbia's recent plant and animal arrivals* (currently at the Environmental Education Centre for the Okanagan until July 31)
- *Gold Mountain Dream! Bravely adventure into the Fraser River Valley* (currently at Chilliwack Museum until October 13)
- *Birds of Prey*
- *Bread and Salt: Celebrating the 125th anniversary of Ukrainians in Canada* (currently at Qualicum Beach Museum until September 30)
- The Writing on the Wall: An Outreach Kit on Chinese Canadian Historical wrongs

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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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