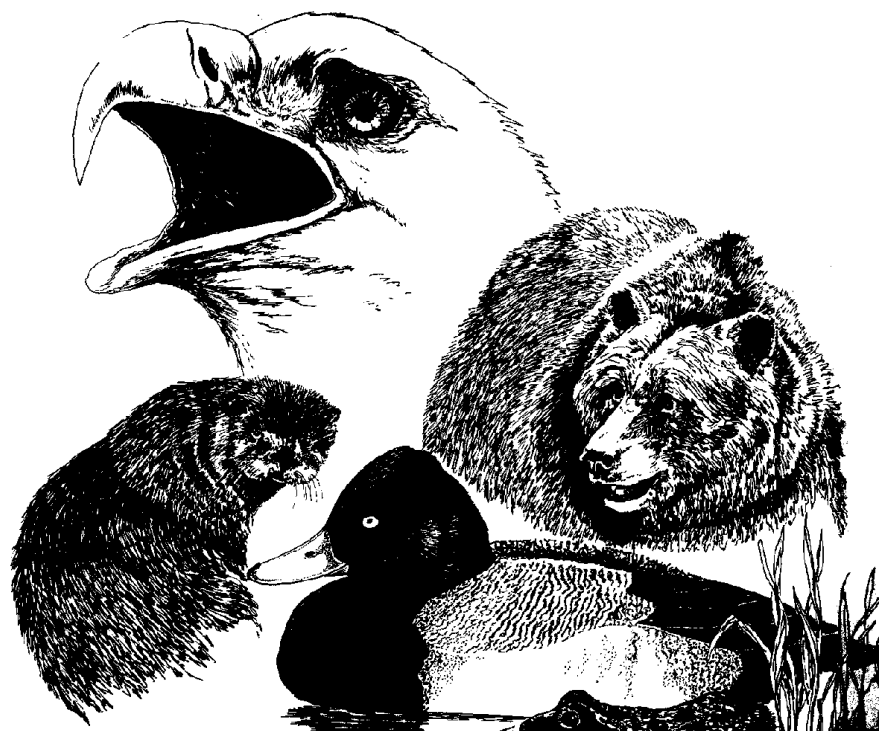


Explore the wild!

Learn more about wildlife and nature by attending these events

Interpretive talks, nature walks, naturalist tours and wildlife museums

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WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH WILDLIFE

Fall in Yukon is an exciting time of year. A summer's worth of growth and new life readies itself for winter. Mating season for many big mammals is underway. Migration of the birds presents spectacular viewing opportunities at staging areas. Small mammals are hard at work ensuring winter's food cache is adequate. Many Yukoners can be seen in the outdoors enjoying the colours of autumn, the last of the sun's warmth, and laying in their own supplies for winter. This is a great time for wildlife viewing. Be conscience that wildlife may be focussed on things other than it's own safety, and keep your distance. Listen closely for the bugling elk near Braeburn and Stony Creek, or sit silently near a wetland and hear a moose's rutting calls. The birds that are winging their way south will be back soon enough, and some of this year's young will be coming back to nest in the spring.

Wildlife Viewing events still are taking place, but on a less frequent basis. Look below for some events and wildlife watching ideas.

Wildlife Viewing Events

WHITEHORSE REGION

MacBride Museum

12:00 PM to 5:00 PM, Daily
Get a glimpse of Yukon's natural history, wildlife and culture along the banks of the Yukon river. Through winter special presentations happen at the Museum. Check local event listings for details

Cost: \$5.00 Adults
Contact: (867) 667-2709

Beringia Centre,

Km 1473, Ak Hwy
Winter hours of Sunday 1-5PM
This unique Interpretive Centre offers a fascinating look at prehistoric Yukon. Find out what wildlife lived in Yukon eons ago, and how glaciation influenced what we see today. Watch the local newspapers for events and presentations that the Beringia Centre is now famous for.

Cost: \$6.00 Adults
Contact: (867) 667-8855

Mid September: **Bugle with the Elk.** Come along on this exciting evening event just outside of Whitehorse along the Alaska Highway where naturalists will lead an evening of listening to the bugle of elk. For details about this event contact Wildlife Viewing, 667-8291.

Late September: **Cranes above us.** Take a trip to Faro, and the Tintina Trench during this excellent time to see the Sandhill Cranes overhead as they migrate south through this region. Pick up a Viewing Wildlife in Faro brochure to guide you so some of the wildlife viewing hotspots in the region. Call 996-2288 for more information about wildlife and crane watching in Faro.

Late October: **Caribou Viewing on the Dempster.** Listen to the radio to hear when the one week hunting closure for Porcupine Caribou is announced and take a drive to the Dempster Highway for an excellent viewing opportunity as the caribou leaders of the herd cross the road. For details of this call Environment Yukon, Dawson City, 993-6461.

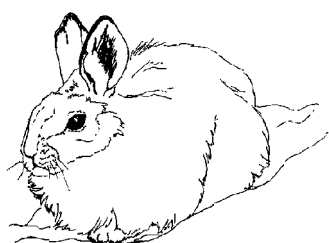
Late February: **Caribou viewing ride.** Watch for details in local newspapers and on radio for details of the annual Ride for Caribou. This snowmobiling events will take viewers into the backcountry west of Whitehorse for some caribou watching and discussion of the ongoing caribou research in this region. For details contact Wildlife Viewing, 667-8291.

KLUANE REGION

Haines Junction Visitor Center

During the week days, stop by this excellent Visitor Centre and get a glimpse of Kluane Country.
Contact: Kluane National Park & Reserve (867) 634-7207

Sheep Mountain Centre, Kluane Lake, Km 1706, Ak Hwy
Closing in mid September.
Highway travellers can see Dall sheep on the south facing slopes above the Centre. Look carefully, you may see their predators, wolves.
Contact: Kluane National Park & Reserve (867) 634-7207



KLONDIKE REGION

While travelling the Dempster Highway this winter, watch for the Porcupine Caribou. This large herd of Barren-ground caribou winter in this region, and can often be seen near the road. Watch carefully as your drive through this region for the ptarmigan, too. Willow ptarmigan are the white birds that live in the area, and are often seen by the road. Look closely as you travel. You may see a Gyr falcon, the predator of ptarmigan. These large, gray falcons are winter residents in the area, too.

CAMPBELL REGION

Fannin sheep can be found near the town of Faro. Ask at any local business about how to find the viewing cabin, or click on 'Viewing Wildlife in Faro' on this website for directions to this excellent viewing facility. This rare colour phase of thinhorn sheep winters on the slopes above this viewing cabin. When there are sheep, there are predators, too. Watch for wolves and coyotes in this area.