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Coming Soon!

Bighorn Sheep *Ovis canadensis*.
Moving the wolves to their new home will open space in the Park for our newest additions. We now have two Bighorn Sheep who will be added to the Park family in the 2013



Bighorn Sheep

Staff Photo

summer season. The new additions are just over a year in age and we have a male and a female. Bighorn Sheep are found in Western North America as far south as Northern Mexico.



What's New For 2013?

The Wolves are getting a new home! Park staff have completed the new wolf pens and the animals will be moving in soon. The new enclosures include contain several improvements for the wolves including climbing areas and a new building. Not only does this provide the wolves with a fantastic new home it also opens up a new section of the Park to visitors. Soon a stroll along the pond will take you to the wolf corner!



Grey Wolf

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Featured Park Friend:



Barred Owl

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Name: Barred Owl

Scientific Name: *Strix varia*

Size: 43-50 cm in length with a wingspan of 99-110 cm

Colour: Mottled brown and white all over, with dark brown eyes. The feathers on the breast are crossed with horizontal brown bars. The wings and tail are barred brown and white.

Migration: Barred Owls do not migrate and are considered a very sedentary bird.

Fossils: 11 000 year old fossils of Barred Owls have been found in Florida and Ontario.

Habitat: Barred Owls live in mature forests, usually near water. They nest in tree cavities 6-12 metres above ground. The nests are about 30 cm wide and 30 to 54 cm deep.

Range: Eastern North America and parts of the Pacific Northwest

Feeding: Squirrels, chipmunks, mice, voles, birds (up to the size of grouse), amphibians, reptiles

Breeding: 1 clutch per year with 1-5 eggs in it. Eggs incubate for 28-33 days and the nestling period is 28-35 days.

Fun Fact: Their call sounds like they are saying "Who cooks for you?"



Barred Owl

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Groan Out Loud :)

Q: Why do bananas use sunscreen?

A: Because they peel.

Q: Why don't mountains get cold in the winter?

A: They wear snowcaps.



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Upcoming Events:

Welcome to Volunteer Day

Get involved with the wildlife park. Do you enjoy working outside, interacting with people, or making nature crafts with children? If you have skills in sharing nature whether it is plant , animal, wetland or ecosystem knowledge we need your help to contribute to the visitor experience at the wildlife park. If you are interested in learning more come to our volunteer orientation day on May 12, 12:30-3:30. Everyone will get a sample of the types of volunteering we are offering and you decide if donating time to the park environment, physically and/or intellectually, is a close encounter you would like to pursue. All are welcome to come to this event but to volunteer at the park you must be 16 or older. You must register by contacting Sue Penney by email legacycentre@gov.ns.ca or phone 902-758-5316.