Grade Six Resources

TRC's Education Program Director/Consultant, Dave Taylor, has put together a variety of resources for teachers and students that can be used to enhance the learning experience of field trips at Riverwood.

This document contains a list of recommended videos and questions to help guide discussion. These resources follow the appropriate curriculum for the various grades and will help your students to connect their time at Riverwood to their classroom learning.

Recommended Videos for Biodiversity (Full Day) Field Trip

Title	Vimeo Ref #						
Full Length Videos							
Canada The Wild Land 1867	https://vimeo.com/251389071						
Bird	Series						
The Year of the Bird	https://vimeo.com/253190310						
S-System of Bird I.D.	https://vimeo.com/255196466						
Passerines (Song Birds)							
American Robin	https://vimeo.com/140211420						
Barn Swallows	https://vimeo.com/139288244						
Birds at a Feeder I	https://vimeo.com/138465867						
Birds at a Feeder II	https://vimeo.com/138465868						
Colourful Birds at a Feeder	https://vimeo.com/167872836						
Birds of Riverwood (Passerines)	https://vimeo.com/341462482						
Blue Jay: At the feeder	https://vimeo.com/145749832						
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	https://vimeo.com/138396455						
Chickadees at a Feeder	https://vimeo.com/144213763						
Finches at the Feeder	https://vimeo.com/145785409						
The House Wren	https://vimeo.com/248047456						
Tree Swallow Spring	https://vimeo.com/142759487						
Yellow Warbler Nest	https://vimeo.com/172460379						
Waterfowl Series							
Canada Goose	https://vimeo.com/139764575						
Wood Duck	https://vimeo.com/136303259						
Trumpeter Swans: Fall	https://vimeo.com/147677940						
Mute Swan: New Life	https://vimeo.com/147805880						
Long-tailed Duck: December	https://vimeo.com/149522781						
American White Pelican	https://vimeo.com/228865047						
Double Crested Cormorant	https://vimeo.com/138113983						
Red-neck grebe I	https://vimeo.com/138113981						
Red-neck grebe II	https://vimeo.com/138113982						
Birds of Prey Series							
Bald Eagle Nest	https://vimeo.com/136310292						
Bald Eagle Journal	https://vimeo.com/138396452						
Osprey	https://vimeo.com/138188060						
Osprey and Hawk	https://vimeo.com/234912270						
Woodpecker Series							
Downy Woodpeckers: feeder	https://vimeo.com/145754085						

Hummingbirds	
	https://winner.com/220054020
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	https://vimeo.com/228854826
Ruby-throated Hummingbird II	https://vimeo.com/248055066
Wading Bird Series	http:///www.com/420400005
Great Blue Heron	https://vimeo.com/138188085
Great Blue Heron: Nesting	https://vimeo.com/140252114
Sandhill Crane: Fall Migration	https://vimeo.com/149531081
Sandhill Cranes: Southern ON	https://vimeo.com/228903477
Game Bird Series	
Wild Turkey	https://vimeo.com/142160748
Owl Series	
Great Horned Owl Nest	https://vimeo.com/167631462
Great Horned Owlet: Feeding	https://vimeo.com/167631461
	laneous
Common Loon: seasonal changes	https://vimeo.com/316845111
	al Series
Carnivores:	
River Otter	https://vimeo.com/149074624
Raccoon: The Masked Bandit	https://vimeo.com/228866461
Canine Series	
Coyote	https://vimeo.com/138113980
Red Fox Hunting	https://vimeo.com/228858600
Gray Wolves Summer	https://vimeo.com/141294225
Bears * See also Salmon Series	
Black Bear	https://vimeo.com/138113984
Black Bear Big Males	https://vimeo.com/228899188
Black Bear Red Berries	https://vimeo.com/228854076
Three Cubs and a Bull Bison	https://vimeo.com/316811578
Brown Bear/ Red Salmon I*	https://vimeo.com/144924550
Brown Bear/ Red Salmon II*	https://vimeo.com/145041154
Brown Bear/Red Salmon III*	https://vimeo.com/145126332
Salmon Story 2917 v2 Full Story	https://vimeo.com/236629272
Grizzly Bear: Cubs of the year	https://vimeo.com/292608660
Nature: Grizzly Bear: Cubs of the year	https://vimeo.com/292606506
Rodent Series	
Muskrat Dawn	https://vimeo.com/147546097
Cottontail Rabbit: Spring	https://vimeo.com/149039850
Company's Coming: Prairie Dogs and Bison	https://vimeo.com/293470500
Nature: Company's Coming: Prairie Dogs and	https://vimeo.com/293471621
Bison	
Yellow-bellied Marmot	https://vimeo.com/343317201
Yellow-bellied Marmot (narrated)	https://vimeo.com/343531283
Ungulat	e Series:
White-tailed Deer Series	
White-tailed Fawn	https://vimeo.com/136302906
White-tailed Kindergarten	https://vimeo.com/138188058

White-tailed Deer: The Rut Begins	https://vimeo.com/145217845
White-tailed Deer: Six-point and the doe	https://vimeo.com/145698474
Big Buck and the Does	https://vimeo.com/147281198
White-tail Buck: Summer	https://vimeo.com/147403643
Whitetails in January	https://vimeo.com/229480453
White-tail Buck: Fall	https://vimeo.com/147414945
Nature: White Tails Sparring	https://vimeo.com/292577632
White Tails Sparring	https://vimeo.com/292576279
Fish Se	ries
Salmon Series	
Credit River Salmon	https://vimeo.com/142070570
Fishing for Salmon	https://vimeo.com/142810905
Leaping Salmon	https://vimeo.com/142571891
Salmon Spawning (Underwater)	https://vimeo.com/143154590
Salmon Spawning (above)	https://vimeo.com/143171639
Chinook Salmon: Life Continues	https://vimeo.com/144807457
Brown Bear/ Red Salmon I	https://vimeo.com/144924550
Brown Bear/ Red Salmon II	https://vimeo.com/145041154
Brown Bear/Red Salmon III	https://vimeo.com/145126332
Salmon Story 2917 v2 Full Story	https://vimeo.com/236629272
Amphibiar	n Series
Time of the Toads	https://vimeo.com/136310291
Song of the Toads	https://vimeo.com/165717571
Some Frogs of Riverwood	https://vimeo.com/139878092
Spotted Salamander	https://vimeo.com/165057810
Reptile S	Series
Snapping Turtle	https://vimeo.com/139764574
Snaggle-tooth: Bull Alligator	https://vimeo.com/149577993
Gator Gaits	https://vimeo.com/165717599
Green Sea Turtle underwater	https://vimeo.com/165057838
Insects and Inver	
Honey Bees in the Hive	https://vimeo.com/142680332
Pollinators and Predators	https://vimeo.com/138188061
Monarch	https://vimeo.com/138188059
Habitat S	Series
Wild Riverwood (no narration)	https://vimeo.com/247240424
Wild Riverwood (narration)	https://vimeo.com/246723815
The Credit River	https://vimeo.com/136302909
The Gardens of Riverwood	https://vimeo.com/139156254
The Marsh: Late Summer	https://vimeo.com/139921652
Water Falls	https://vimeo.com/141351235
Forest Wildlife in Summer	https://vimeo.com/140056479
Fall Comes to Riverwood	https://vimeo.com/143640179
Photographing Water	https://vimeo.com/168405948
Riverwood in Summer	https://vimeo.com/316859894
Africa Safar	i Videos

Elephants in the Rain	https://vimeo.com/228869078
Serengeti	https://vimeo.com/228862548
Lesser Flamingos	https://vimeo.com/229265604
Wildebeest and Crocodiles	https://vimeo.com/199820283
Nature: New Born Hippo	https://vimeo.com/292744028
New Born Hippo	https://vimeo.com/292748557
At the Kill	https://vimeo.com/344423233
At the Kill (narrated)	https://vimeo.com/344633590

General Discussion Questions: Based on Grade 6 Understanding Life Systems: Biodiversity

Q: How can the featured organisms be classed scientifically?

A: In general they can be classed as presented in Appendix I. Please refer to text books for the scientific categories of classification in detail: Kingdom; Phylum or Division; Class; Order; Family; Genus; Species

Q: Group the species according to their scientific classification.

A: See appendix I.

Q: Group the species according to their habitat preferences and needs.

A: See appendix II

Q: Based on the featured species how diverse are the habitats found at Riverwood?

A: The habitats found at Riverwood include forests, wetlands, fast flowing river, streams, meadows, open grassland (lawns) and gardens.

Q: What are the distinguishing characteristics of the different groups of plants and animals seen in these videos?

A: See Appendix III

Q: Which of the species featured interact with other species featured?

A: Coyote & Deer, Raccoon & frogs, toads, song birds, Cormorants & fish, Heron & fish & frogs, Woodpecker & insects, Robin & worm, Bald eagle & fish and so on

Q: What other species of plants and animals are likely to be found in the area (i.e. as food, shelter, competitors for the species featured in the videos)?

A: This answer will vary but at Riverwood we have 183 species of birds, mink, opossum, mice, voles, cottontail rabbits, weasel, red fox, salmon, rainbow trout, garter snakes, water snakes, grey squirrels to name but a few.

Additional Resources

Dave Taylor's Wildlife

www.DaveTaylorWildlife.com

Dave Taylor's Youtube

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZATOyhjleb9Tte9neU1CBQ

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Appendix I: Animal Status, Role of Species Shown (N. American)

Species	Riverwood	Role:	Predator or Prey
Species	Presence	All Animals are Consumers	(Note animals can both a predator
	Y = Yes	All Plants are Producers	on another species and the prey of
	N = No	H = Herbivorous (plant eater)*	other species.) PR = Predator
	EX = Extirpated	C = Carnivorous (meat eater)*	
		O = Omnivorous* (plant &	PY = Prey
		meat)	
		S = Scavenger (carrion)	
<u> </u>	.,	I = Insectivore (insects)	22.27
American Toad	Y	C	PR PY
Bullfrog	Y	C	PR PY
Green Frog	Υ	C	PR PY
Northern Leopard Frog	Y	C	PR PY
American Goldfinch	Υ	0	PR PY
American Robin	Υ	0	PR PY
Bald Eagle	Y (rare)	С	PR PY
Baltimore Oriole	Υ	0	PR PY
Barn Swallow	Υ	С	PR PY
Black-capped Chickadee	Υ	С	PR PY
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Υ	С	PR PY
Canada Goose	Υ	Н	PR PY
Cedar Waxwing	Υ	0	PR PY
Common Loon	N	С	PR
Double Crested Cormorant	Υ	С	PR PY
Downy Woodpecker	Υ	0	PR PY
Eastern Phoebe	Υ	С	PR PY
Gray Catbird	Υ	С	PR PY
Great Blue Heron	Υ	С	PR
Sandhill Crane	Y (fly over)	Н	PY
Great Horned Owl	Υ	С	PR
Greater Yellowlegs	Υ	С	PR PY
Great Egret	Unconfirmed	С	PR PY
Green Heron	Υ	С	PR PY
House Finch	Υ	С	PRPY
Mallard Duck	Υ	Н	PY
Northern Flicker	Υ	С	PR PY
Mute Swan	N	Н	PY
Osprey	Y (rare)	С	PR PY
Red-necked Grebe	N	С	PR PY
Red-tailed Hawk	Υ	С	PR
Red-wing Black Bird	Υ	С	PR PY
Ring-billed Gull	Υ	0	PR PY
Solitary Sandpiper	Υ	С	PR PY
Wild Turkey	Y (rare)	Н	PY
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	У	0	PR/PY
Tree Swallow	У	С	PR PY
Trumpeter Swan	N	Н	PY
White-breasted Nuthatch	Υ	0	PR PY
Wood Duck	Υ	Н	PY
Long-tailed Duck	N	С	PR PY
Daddy Long-legs	Υ	I	PR PY
Beetle	Υ	I	PR PY
Bumble Bee	Υ	Н	PY
Honey Bee	Υ	Н	PY
Monarch	Y	н	PY

Mourning Cloak	Υ	Н	PY
Red Admiral	Υ	Н	PY
Swallowtail	Υ	Н	PY
Spider	Υ	I	PR PY
Beaver	Υ	Н	PY
Pika	N	Н	PY
Yellow-bellied Marmot	N	Н	PY
Black Bear	N EX	0	PR
Grizzly Bear	N-EX	0	PR
Coyote	Υ	0	PR (PY of wolves)
Gray Wolf	N	С	PR
Red Fox	Υ	С	PR PY
Gray Squirrel	Υ	Н	PY
Cottontail	Υ	Н	PY
Muskrat	Υ	Н	PY
Raccoon	Υ	0	PR PY
River Otter	N-EX	С	PR
White-tailed deer	Υ	Н	PY
Plains Bison	N	Н	PY
Elk	N-EX	Н	PY
Bighorn Sheep	N	Н	PY
Snapping Turtle	Υ	С	PR
American Alligator	N	С	PR
Chinook salmon	Υ	С	PR PY
Rainbow trout	Υ	С	PR PY
Atlantic salmon	Υ	С	PR PY
Species	Riverwood Presence Y = Yes N = No EX = Extirpated	Role: All Animals are Consumers All Plants are Producers H = Herbivorous (plant eater)* C = Carnivorous (meat eater)* O = Omnivorous* (plant & meat) S = Scavenger (carrion) I = Insectivore (insects)	Predator or Prey (Note animals can both a predator on another species and the prey of other species.) PR = Predator PY = Prey

Appendix II: Habitat Preferences (North American Species)

Many Species can be found in many habitats. This is just a guide to some of the more common habitats that some of the species featured may be found using at various times during the year.

Species Species	Woods	Edges	Meadows	Grasslands	Big	Rivers	Rivers	Wetland	Ponds	Marshes
					Water	Slow	Fast			
					Fresh					
American	Х								Х	Х
Toad										
Bullfrog									Х	Χ
Green Frog									Х	Х
Northern		Х							Х	Χ
Leopard Frog										
American	Χ	Х	Χ							
Goldfinch										
American	Х	Х	Χ	Х						
Robin										
Bald Eagle	Х				Х	Х	Х	Х		Х
Baltimore	Х	Х								Х
Oriole	**	, ,								
Barn Swallow		Х	Х	X						
Black-capped	Х	X	.,	,						
Chickadee	^									
Blue-gray	Х									
Gnatcatcher	^									
Blue Jay	X	Х								
	٨	^		X	V	Χ	V	X	Χ	V
Canada				X	Χ	X	Х	X	X	Х
Goose										
Cedar	Х	Х				Х				
Waxwing										
Common					Х	х				
Loon										
Double					Х	Х				
Crested										
Cormorant										
Downy	Х	Х								
Woodpecker										
Eastern	Х	Х	Х							
Phoebe										
Gray Catbird	Х	Х	Χ							
Great Blue						Х				Х
Heron										
Sandhill			Х	х				х		х
Crane										
Great Horned	Х	Х	Χ	Х						
Owl										
Great Egret						Х		Χ	Х	Χ
Greater										Х
Yellowlegs										
Green Heron										Х
House Finch	Х	Х	Х							
Mallard Duck					Χ			Х	Х	Х
Mute Swan					х	х		х	х	х
Long-tailed					х					
Duck										
Northern	Х	Х	Х	Х						
Flicker										

Osprey					Х	Χ	Х			Χ
Red-necked						X	Α			X
Grebe						^				^
Red-tailed		Х	Х	Х						
Hawk		^	^	^						
Red-wing			Х							Х
Black Bird			^							^
Ring-billed									Х	Х
Gull									^	^
Solitary								Х		Х
Sandpiper										
Ruby-	Χ	Х	Х							
throated										
Hummingbird										
Wild Turkey	Х	Х	Х	Х						
Trumpeter				Х	Х				Х	Χ
Swan										
Tree Swallow	Χ	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Χ	Х	Χ
White-	Χ	Х								
breasted										
Nuthatch										
Wood Duck								Χ	Х	Χ
Daddy Long-		Х	Х							
legs										
Beetle		Х	Х							
Bumble Bee		Х	Х							
Honey Bee				Х						
Monarch			Х	Х						
Mourning	Х									
Cloak										
Red Admiral	Χ									
Swallowtail	Χ	Х								
Spider	Χ	Х	Х	Х					Х	Χ
Beaver					Х	Х	Х		Х	Χ
Black Bear	Χ	Х								
Brown Bear	Χ	Х	Х	Х		Х		Χ		
Coyote	Χ	Х	Х	Х						
Gray Wolf	Χ	Х	Х	Х						
River Otter					Х	х	х	Х	х	Х
Gray Squirrel	Χ									
Muskrat								Х	Х	Х
Cottontail	х	х	х	х						
Raccoon	Х	Х						Х	Х	Χ
White-tailed	Х	Х								
deer										
Bison				Х						
Bighorn			х	х						
Sheep										
Prairie Dog				х						
Yellow-			х	х						
bellied										
Marmot										
Snapping								Χ	Х	Χ
Turtle										
American							Х	х	х	х
Alligator*										

Chinook					Х		Х			
salmon										
Rainbow					Χ		Х			
trout										
Atlantic					Х		Х			
salmon										
Species	Woods	Edges	Meadows	Grasslands	Big	Rivers	Rivers	Wetland	Ponds	Marshes
					Water	Slow	Fast			
					Fresh					

Appendix III: Classification Characteristics

This is not the full set of defining characteristics used for classifying organisms but it does present the ones that students are most likely to glean from the videos.

Class	Body Covering	Legs	Wings	Body Parts	Reproduce By	Thermo-type
Mammal	Hair	4	0 (except bats)	Head, Trunk, Limbs	Sexual (live birth)	Warm-blooded
Bird	Feathers	2	2	Head, trunk, wings, legs	Sexual (eggs)	Warm-blooded
Reptiles	Scales	4	0 (snakes)	Head, Trunk, Limbs	Sexual (eggs)	Cold-blooded
Amphibians	Skin	4	0	Head, Trunk, Limbs	Sexual (eggs laid in water)	Cold-blooded
Fish	Scales	Fins	0	Head, trunk	Sexual (eggs laid in water)	Some are cold- blooded, some are warm- blooded
Insects	Skin	6	Some	Head, Thorax, Abdomen	Sexual	Some are cold- blooded, some are warm- blooded
Spiders	Skin	8	0	Two	Sexual	Some are cold- blooded, some are warm- blooded

Plants	Covering	Flowers	Height	Features
Trees	Bark	Y	To 30 m plus	Single trunk
				With branches
Weeds	Cellular skin	Y	To 1 m plus	Variable
Emergent	Cellular skin	Y	To 3 m plus	Single stalk
plants				with leaves
Floating Plants	Cellular skin	Y	To 1 m plus	Stem is not
				supportive
				Leaves and
				flower float on
				surface
Submergent	Cellular skin	Y	To 1 m plus	Stem is not
plant				supportive
				Leaves float