

## **Some Recommended Biodiversity Resources on the Internet:**

- **Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI) UK:**  
BGCI brings together the world's botanic gardens to work for plant conservation through science, education and horticulture.  
[www.bgci.org.uk](http://www.bgci.org.uk)
- **BGCI CANADA:**  
This website contains a variety of educational activities related to plant conservation and biodiversity, recommended resources and links to Canadian Botanical Gardens.  
[www.bgci.org/canada](http://www.bgci.org/canada)
- **American Museum of Natural History – Center for Biodiversity and Conservation:**  
The Center for Biodiversity and Conservation's activities integrate scientific research, education, and outreach so that people—themselves an important cause of the rapid loss of biodiversity—will become participants in its conservation. Through collaboration with partner institutions, efforts are focused on Integrated Research, Professional Development, and Public Involvement.  
[research.amnh.org/biodiversity/?src=h\\_h](http://research.amnh.org/biodiversity/?src=h_h)
- **Canadian Biodiversity Information Network**  
This site covers information on implementing the Convention on Biological Diversity in Canada and through the Canadian Biodiversity Strategy. It also provides access, to biodiversity-related information on topics such as Canadian environmental activities, agreements, technologies, expertise a few amazing biodiversity facts.  
[www.cbin.ec.gc.ca](http://www.cbin.ec.gc.ca)
- **Centre for Biodiversity and Conservation Biology:**  
The Royal Ontario Museum created the Centre for Biodiversity and Conservation Biology to better manage our natural resources, decrease current extinction rates, and so conserve a large portion of our biodiversity. The website contains a large selection of hands-on activities, publication lists, reference materials, and links useful for biodiversity education.  
[www.rom.on.ca/biodiversity/cbcb](http://www.rom.on.ca/biodiversity/cbcb)
- **Green Legacy - Exploring the World of Plants and People:**  
This Web site is the on-line version of an exciting travelling exhibit about Canada's native plants, produced jointly by Royal Botanical Gardens and the Canadian Museum of Nature. It explores the beauty, diversity and vulnerability of Canada's native plants. Find out why plants are important, what threatens them, who works to protect them, and how you can help.  
[www.rbg.ca/greenlegacy](http://www.rbg.ca/greenlegacy)
- **ICUN – The World Conservation Union:**  
The mission of the World Conservation Union, also known as the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, is to influence, encourage and assist societies throughout the world to conserve the integrity and diversity of nature

and to ensure that any use of natural resources is equitable and ecologically sustainable.

[www.iucn.org](http://www.iucn.org)

- **The Convention on Biological Diversity:**

The CBD is a global, comprehensive agreement addressing all aspects of biological diversity: genetic resources, species, and ecosystems.

[www.biodiv.org](http://www.biodiv.org)

- **International Day for Biological Diversity: 22 May, 2005:**

The United Nations proclaimed May 22, the International Day for Biological Diversity to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues. The website encourages local communities and organizations to celebrate this occasion and even provides a suggested list activities and programs.

[www.biodiv.org/programmes/outreach/awareness/biodiv-day-2005.aspx](http://www.biodiv.org/programmes/outreach/awareness/biodiv-day-2005.aspx)

- **NatureServe:**

NatureServe is a non-profit conservation organization that provides the scientific information and tools needed to help guide effective conservation action. The website contains a Biodiversity Insights section, including a very useful list of “ten reasons to save the diversity of life”.

[www.natureserve.org](http://www.natureserve.org)

- **Native Plant Crossroads:**

Stimulating interested citizens to take action towards biodiversity conservation is the ultimate goal of this Web site developed by the Canadian Museum of Nature. You will find a catalogue of activities, event listings, annotated references, information leaflets and stories of Canadians who are taking action.

[www.nature.ca/plnt/index\\_e.cfm](http://www.nature.ca/plnt/index_e.cfm)

- **New Zealand Department of Conservation Biodiversity and Conservation Week 2005 activities:**

The Department of Conservation (DOC) is the government department charged with conserving New Zealand’s natural and historic heritage for all to enjoy now and in the future. The website contains a section on Biodiversity and Conservation Week 2005 activities and provides information on how conservation week links to the school curriculum.

[www.doc.govt.nz/Community/001~For-Schools/004~Activities/005~Biodiversity-and-Conservation-Week.asp](http://www.doc.govt.nz/Community/001~For-Schools/004~Activities/005~Biodiversity-and-Conservation-Week.asp)

- **North American Association for Environmental Educators:**

The North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) is a network of professionals, students, and volunteers working in the field of environmental education throughout North America and in over 55 countries around the world. The site has many resources, including an excellent list of links containing activities and materials dealing with the conservation of habitats and the preservation of biodiversity.

[eelink.net/pages/EE+Activities+-+Biodiversity](http://eelink.net/pages/EE+Activities+-+Biodiversity)

- **PlantWatch:**  
 PlantWatch is part of the NatureWatch series of volunteer monitoring programs. A joint venture between the Canadian Nature Federation and Environment Canada's Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network, PlantWatch encourages Canadians of all ages to get involved in helping scientists discover how, and more importantly why, our natural environment is changing.  
[www.naturewatch.ca/english/plantwatch/](http://www.naturewatch.ca/english/plantwatch/)
- **Seeds of Diversity: Canada's Heritage Seed Program:**  
 This Canadian charitable organization is dedicated to the conservation and documentation of horticultural biodiversity.  
[www.seeds.ca/en.php](http://www.seeds.ca/en.php)
- **Society for Conservation Biology:**  
 The Society for Conservation Biology (SCB) is an international professional organization dedicated to promoting the scientific study of the phenomena that affect the maintenance, loss, and restoration of biological diversity. "Education/Teaching" and "Frequently Asked Questions about Conservation Biology and Biodiversity" are two sections particularly helpful to educators.  
[conbio.net](http://conbio.net)
- **The Healing Power of Plants:** (to be launched Fall, 2005)  
 As long as humans have been human, we've been trying to cure what ails us by using the healing power of plants. This bilingual site explores the plants used in medicines in Canada and around the world.  
[www.virtualmuseum.ca](http://www.virtualmuseum.ca)
- **The Natural History Museum: Exploring Biodiversity (UK):**  
 Exploring biodiversity is an interactive introduction to UK biodiversity. Designed for UK students (and amateur enthusiasts), the website provides excellent biodiversity resources, education activities and links.  
[internet.nhm.ac.uk/eb/index.shtml](http://internet.nhm.ac.uk/eb/index.shtml)
- **United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre**  
 This site provides information for policy and action to conserve the living world. Programmes concentrate on species, forests, protected areas, marine, mountains and freshwaters; plus habitats affected by climate change such as polar regions. Includes excellent on-line presentation and poster series entitled "biodiversity benefits people".  
[www.unep-wcmc.org](http://www.unep-wcmc.org)
- **World Wildlife Fund:**  
 Known worldwide by its panda logo, World Wildlife Fund (WWF) leads international efforts to protect endangered species and their habitats. The site contains extensive biodiversity resources and education programs including: "Windows on the Wild (WOW)", "Marine Biodiversity" and "Pennies for the Planet".  
[www.worldwildlife.org/windows](http://www.worldwildlife.org/windows)