

Canadian Environmental Network
Best Practices Handbook
All Over Canada
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In summer 2009 the Canadian Environmental Network (RCEN) asked its 600 plus member organizations to tell their stories about what they are doing to help increase or protect biodiversity. The contest, funded by Environment Canada, was a fantastic opportunity for Environmental Non-governmental Organizations (ENGOS) from all over Canada to share the innovative and often low cost ways they are having a positive effect on biodiversity in their communities. The 12 winners had their stories published in the Biodiversity Best Practices Handbook which is available in both French and English on the RCEN website, by special order and as part of the RCEN International Year of Biodiversity Information Kits (available in April 2010). Selected projects range from dealing with the plight of a single species - wild bees- to those focussed on improving agricultural practices or protecting large area of land and the diversity of specie that inhabit them, and from programs that increase our understanding of biodiversity to those that show how people of all ages and ability can simply enjoy the natural areas around them. The variety of projects reflects both the many facets of biodiversity and the many distinctive ecosystems in Canada we have to protect. The Best Practices Handbook demonstrates that by working together we can improve biodiversity in Canada.

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