

Press release

ENDANGERED SPECIES: TIME FOR
THOUGHT AND ACTION

Man's preoccupation with improving the "efficiency" of society has steadily eroded the world of nature. As a result, many species of animals unable to adapt - or not given the chance to adapt - have been dragged into the destructive demands of "progress".

It is not a simple problem to solve, unless man decides once and for all to protect life and conserve his environment.

The pavilion for endangered species renews the message this year with an even bigger collection of stuffed animals.

Among them: musk ox, wapiti, grizzly bear, wolf and coyote, all on showcase display.

There are also wild birds in settings modelled on their natural habitats where man has not disturbed their tranquility.

The visitor can also learn about nature's delicate balance and the cycles that govern it.

An imposing mural shows the complexity of the elements that threaten many species.

The visitor will also discover, probably to great surprise, the species in danger of extinction right here in Quebec, and what a poor protector is man, who often unknown to himself, destroys rare and misunderstood species. To awaken the visitor to these dangers, the pavilion employs many special effects to make him start thinking.

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The pavilion deals with the birds of Montreal and its surroundings, the small mammals of Quebec, the threatened species of North America and species already extinct. It's a crash course in zoology.

Finally, the carrousel will show the popular film on the polar regions of the earth, reminding us of our own northern country and its climatic extremes.