

Protecting the Boreal Forest: You Can Help

The Boreal Forest needs your help!



Many bird species that depend on the Boreal Forest are declining rapidly. The Canada Warbler (above) has **declined by more than 50%** since 1966.

Timber companies in Canada **cut down about 2.5 million acres** of trees each year, leaving behind clearcuts (right).

- **30% of the Boreal Forest** has already been made available to developers for oil, gas, mining, hydro-electric dams, and logging.
- Destruction of the Boreal Forest increases **global warming**.

- Currently, Canadian laws protect only about **8% of the Boreal Forest** from development .
- Decisions made in **the next 5-10 years** will determine the fate of the Boreal Forest.



Here's what you can do:

BUY RECYCLED

Use paper, tissues, and paper towels made from recycled material in your home, school, and office to reduce logging.



BE EFFICIENT

Use energy-efficient appliances, light bulbs, and vehicles. Set your thermostat lower, use less water and light, and drive less.



LEARN

Go birding and find birds that breed in the Boreal Forest in the nearest woods or lakes – or right in your own backyard!



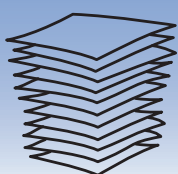
JOIN

Become a member of a conservation group that works to protect the Boreal Forest and the billions of birds that depend on it.



CONSUME LESS

Read your favorite newspapers and magazines on the web, and ask catalog and marketing companies to remove your name from their lists, to cut down on junk mail.



ASK FOR SUPPORT

Write to companies as well as local and federal governments asking them to adopt Boreal-friendly policies such as FSC certification and the Boreal Conservation Framework.



SPREAD THE WORD

Give a presentation at a local school, library, or nature club to let your community know about the Boreal Forest and its link with your neighborhood birds.

