WILDSAFE RANGERS

discovering w.a.r.p
(Wildlife Alert Reporting Program)

In previous WildSafe Ranger Program Activities, you have learned that we often share our communities with a wide range of other species. Maybe you found coyote tracks in a local park or saw a deer resting in a neighbour's yard. Do you ever wonder what other kinds of wildlife pass through when you're not looking?

WildSafeBC has an interactive online map called WARP (Wildlife Alert Reporting Program) available at www.wildsafebc.com. This map shows all of the reported wildlife sightings and conflicts in your neighbourhood and is updated everyday. Anytime a neighbour calls the Conservation Officer hotline to report a wildlife sighting, it pops up on the map! That means you can see when and where wildlife is reported in your neighbourhood.

your mission:

this month, your mission is to learn how to navigate the warp map and share what you've learned with a family member, friend or even your entire class at school! together, you will learn what sort of human-wildlife conflict has been reported in your community recently!

what you will need:

- A printed copy of this activity guide
- Computer access - check with your parents first - https://warp.wildsafebc.com/warp/

remember! *Always check with your parents first before accessing and using the computer!*

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WildSafe Ranger Name: _____

Home Town: _____   Date: _____

Part One: introduction to W.A.R.P

1. Type https://warp.wildsafebc.com/warp/ into your browser

2. A window will pop up that says 'Terms and Services'. Once a parent reads through this information, you can click 'I Agree'.

3. A map of BC should appear with lots of brightly coloured icons. Look for the 'Query Filters and Options' menu on the left and then type the name of your town (or closest town) into the 'City/Locality' box.

4. Now, you should see a map of your area, with lots of little animal icons on it. Each icon represents one reported wildlife sighting or conflict. (Click on these icons for more info)

5. To narrow down the results, click on the box beside 'Show' and select 'date range'. It will automatically display all sightings from the last 2 weeks

6. Change the 'Start date' to the begining of this year, (e.g. 2018-01-01) by clicking on the little calendar beside the date and scrolling back to January. You will now see all wildlife reports for your community so far this year!

Species *List all the species shown on your map (click each icon for more info)	Number

7. Click the 'Show more filters and options' tab under the 'Query Filters and Options' box.

8. Beside 'Species', type Black Bear. Beside 'Attractants', type garbage.

How many results did you get for black bears attracted by garbage? _____

Part two: Sharing what you've learned

1. Find an audience! This could be a family member or even your class at school.

2. Once you've picked your audience, you'll need to sit down at a computer together and open the WARP map - https://warp.wildsafebc.com/warp/

3. Start by asking your audience what types of animals they THINK live around them and then zoom into their neighbourhood to check the WARP map!

4. Show them the 'Query Filters and Options' menu and play around with different filters. Try narrowing your search to just coyotes or just deer.

Who was your audience? _____

What surprised your audience most about what you found on W.A.R.P? _____

*When you're done, take a photo or scan this page and submit it to bc@wildsafebc.com (ask a parent to help!)