

Wildlife Trip

Come and take a land and boat trip with Lifeforce Founding Director Peter Hamilton as he shows you a diversity of wildlife living freely in their water world. We must stop imprisoning birds and other wildlife in zoos and aquariums. A walk in the woods or to the shore is a great way to exercise and to see wildlife. It can be family fun to turn your natural adventure into a computer-free game to record the most animal sightings. In addition to birds there are marine mammals – orcas, seals, sea lions, harbour porpoises, and much more.





MOM AND BABY

Don't attend zoos and aquariums. If the Vancouver Aquarium expansion proceeds more wildlife will be imprisoned – including river otters, beavers and sea birds. ***If you live in Vancouver the civic election is in November so vote for politicians who will stop the expansion.***

And don't even buy a bird. Your home is not their home. The birds are not free. Illegal imports of song birds and parrots decimate wildlife populations. There are horrific shipment methods to conceal the wildlife traffic. Many die. Watching birds in the wild means you don't have to clean up after them and buy food.

The following photos were taken in a few hours on September 23, 2008.



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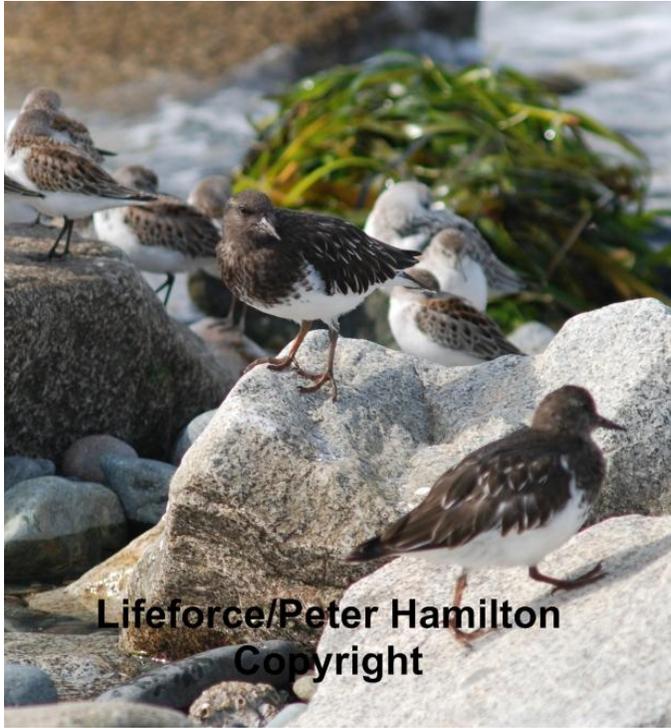
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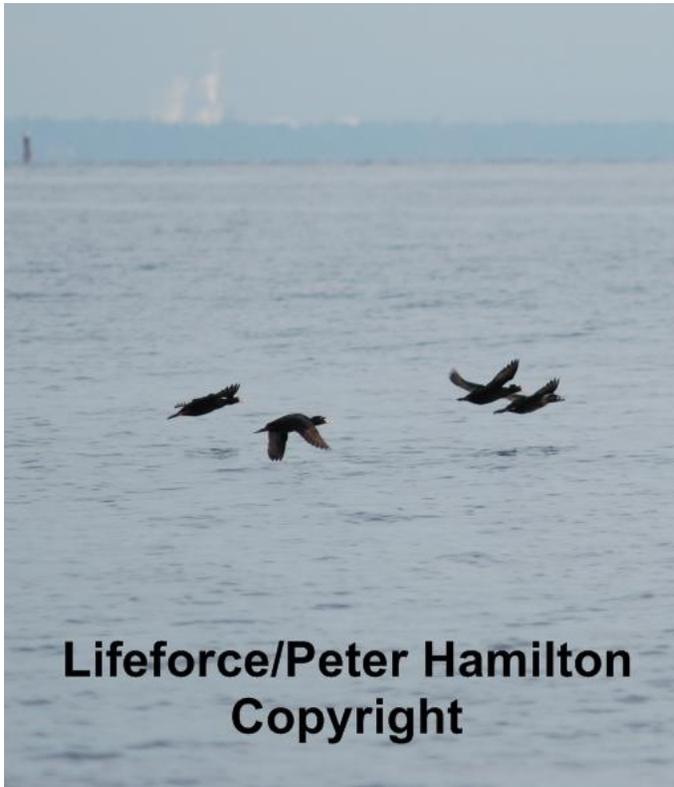
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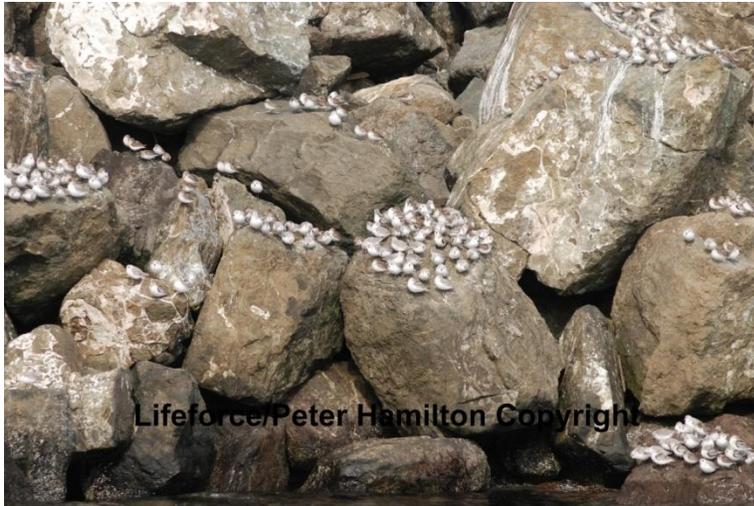


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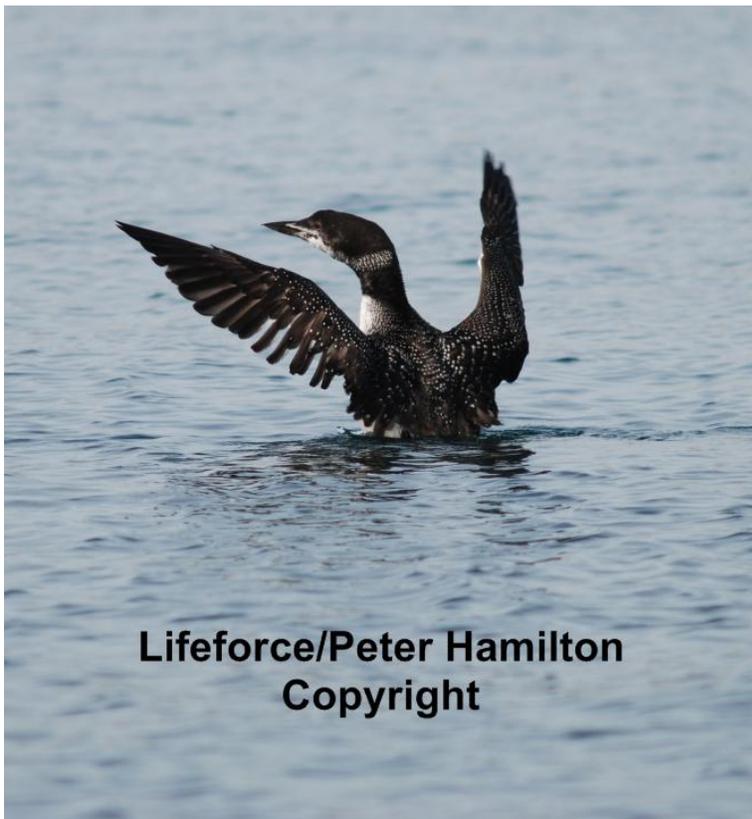


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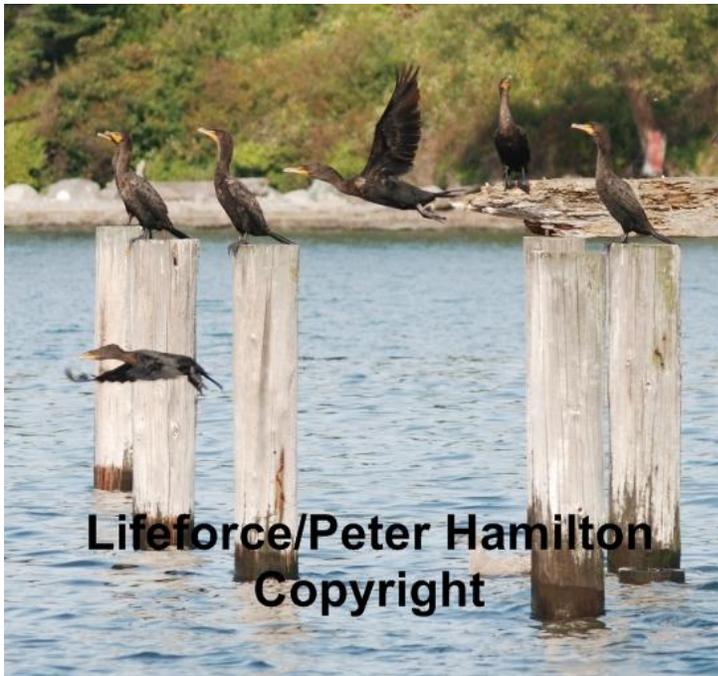
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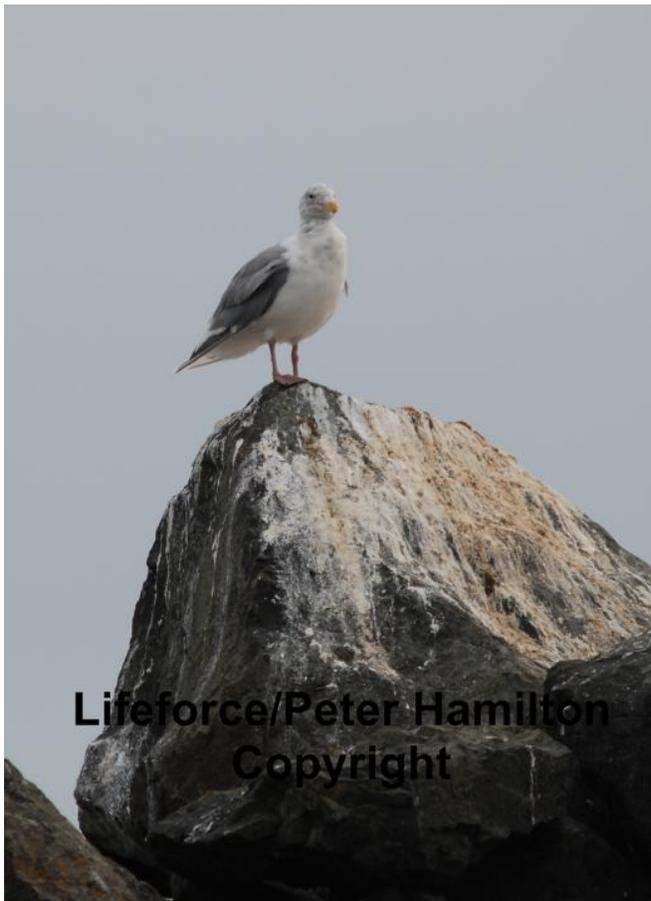
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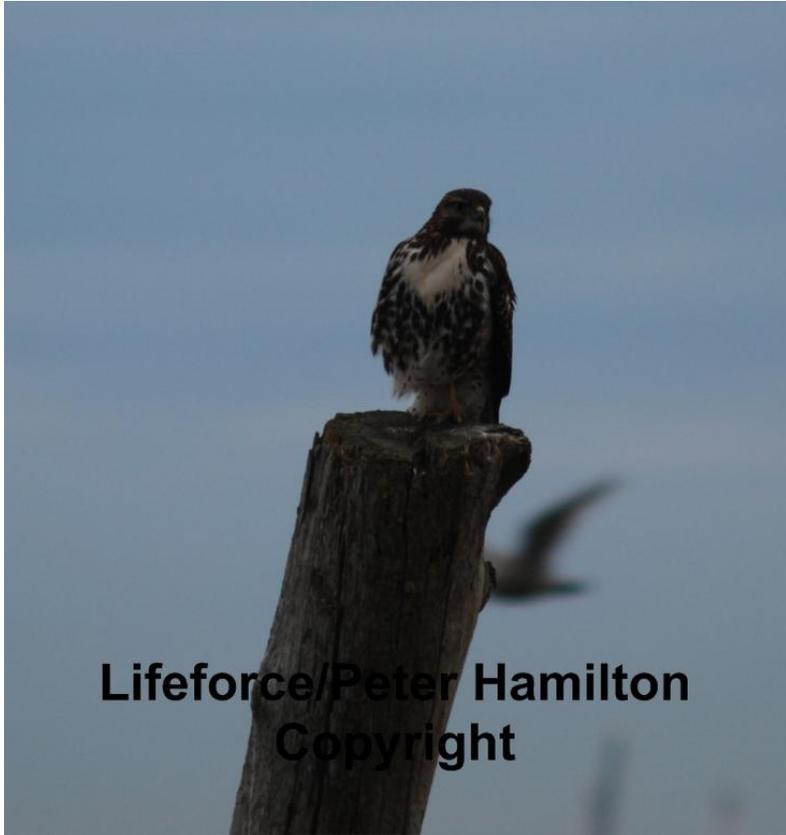
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RED-TAILED HAWK



There's a "bird hive of activity" around us, not in zoos and aquariums. So get a bird book and other animal ID books to get started. Start by visiting parks and nature reserves. Often there are park interpreters who can help you. In Vancouver there is Stanley Park where you will find a diversity of wildlife living freely in the park habitat. Nearby Tsawwassen there is Point Roberts Lighthouse Marine park where these photos were taken.

By land or sea you can view wildlife in their natural habitats. But remember, it is illegal to try to touch, feed or otherwise harass wildlife. So keep a safe distance. Respect their homes. Treat wildlife as you would want to be treated. Enjoy!

For Freedom,

Peter Hamilton

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