

You're invited!

Canada's BioBlitz 2016: Carmacks, Yukon

The Biological Survey of Canada (BSC) invites you to participate in the 12th BSC BioBlitz on **June 24-26, 2016.**



Carmacks is a community of 500 people in south-central Yukon. It lies at the confluence of the Yukon and Nordenskiöld Rivers, and at the junction of the Klondike and Robert Campbell Highways. Carmacks is 179 kilometres north of Whitehorse, a pleasant 2-hour drive. The region is within the traditional territory of the Little Salmon-Carmacks First Nation.



Yukon Goldenweed (*Nestotus macleanii*) is a wildflower of the central Yukon's steppe slopes, and is found nowhere else in the world.

Carmacks: the edge of Beringia

The region around Carmacks fascinates biologists... Why?

- It lies at the edge of Beringia, the vast region stretching from the central Yukon to eastern Siberia that was never glaciated during the Pleistocene Ice Ages. This area hosts *a number of species found nowhere else in the world.*
- It is home to a *wide variety of ecosystems*: from steppe grasslands, rivers, wetlands, lakes, boreal forest, shrub subalpine, and unglaciated Beringian tundra.
- It is *poorly known biologically*, since most visiting biologists have driven right by... on their way to Alaska or the Dempster Highway.
- Access into the wilderness: it is transected by two major highways, and two mining roads lead out of town into the higher elevations of the Dawson Range.

Canada's BioBlitz 2016: Carmacks, Yukon

What is a BioBlitz?

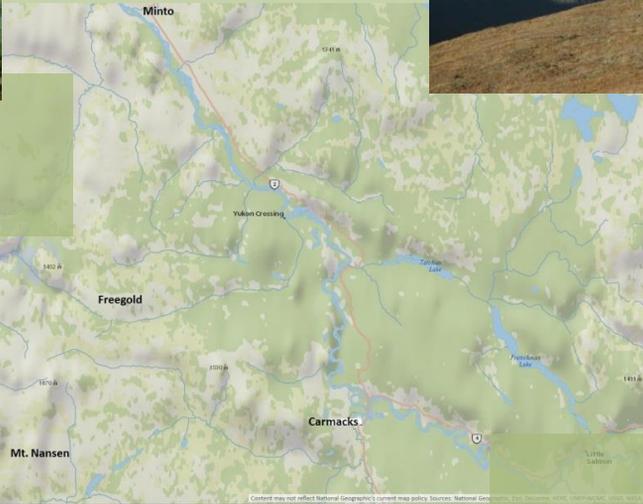
- A biological 'treasure hunt' to find as many kinds of living things as possible within a short time.
- A fun way to learn about the animals and plants in your area



Miller's Ridge: the dry, never-glaciated ridges west of Carmacks mark the southern edge of unglaciated Beringia.



Yukon Podistera: another plant found globally only in the central Yukon.



The Mount Nansen and Freegold regions are accessible via mining roads.



Yukon Grammia, a tiger moth restricted to the far northwest of North America.



Join us in exploring the living wonders of the Yukon! If you'd like more information, contact Syd Cannings at syd.cannings@canada.ca