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BACKGROUND



ROBERTA
BONDAR
FOUNDATION

ABOUT US

The Roberta Bondar Foundation takes an inspiring approach to our growing environmental challenges by combining art and science to stimulate curiosity and creativity, and promote responsibility, protection and conservation of our intricate life-sustaining ecosystems.

Our programs are designed to bring people closer to nature and revitalize the emotional connection they have with the natural world.

INITIATIVES

The Bondar Challenge

Taking place in schools, summer camps, and zoos across Canada, the Bondar Challenge is a hands-on environmental education program and nature photography competition. We work with EcoSchools Canada to deliver this program to classrooms.

Space for Birds (AMASS)

Space for Birds examines the migratory pathways of seven threatened and endangered avian species using surface, aerial, and space photography. We photograph migratory birds in North America and across the globe, and partner with NASA to photograph bird habitats from space.

Traveling Exhibitions

Our interactive exhibitions travel in partnership with galleries, museums and science centres across Canada and have attracted over 400,000 attendees. Exhibitions feature fine art photography from Dr. Bondar, video installations, and interactive learning experiences. "Patterns & Parallels" is our newest exhibition, sharing ground-breaking perspectives on declining bird populations and their fragile habitats.



ABOUT ROBERTA

Dr. Roberta Bondar is unique, not just for being the first Canadian woman in space or for her pioneering space medicine research. Academically one of the most distinguished astronauts to have flown in space, Dr. Bondar is also the only astronaut to use fine art photography to explore and reveal Earth's natural environment from the surface.

Currently, she is photographing migratory birds and their habitats and is a NASA Principal Investigator, Migratory Birds, directing coordinates for image acquisition of avian migratory corridors from the International Space Station.

MEDIA

The Roberta Bondar Foundation works with journalists to provide press releases, photos, and quotes. Contact us at info@therobertabondarfoundation.org.

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