Bears on the Black Run
73862 DVD
30 min JI 2004 McNabb/Connolly Films
Two families of black bears have made their homes on and around Whistler Mountain, the largest ski resort in Canada. Set against some of the most stunning scenery in British Columbia, we follow a year in the life of two mother bears Jess and Marissa as they find food for their cubs. One family opts for a wild existence but the other one heads into town. How will they fare with the neighboring bears and skiers? Innovative visual techniques are used to follow the bears and for the first time thermal-imagery cameras reveal new born cubs in the den under the snow.
No Other Versions Available

Can Humans Live Underwater?
75449 DVD
27 min IS 2010 Distribution Access
Our hosts explore what it would take to live with the fish. They learn to play hockey underwater, dive without tanks on one breath, and visit a research laboratory on the ocean floor.
No Other Versions Available

Climate Refugees
76478 DVD
86 min IS 2010 McNabb/Connolly Films
Climate Refugees is the first feature film to explore in-depth the global human impact of climate change and its serious destabilizing effect on international politics. The film turns the distant concept of global warming into a concrete human problem with enormous worldwide consequences. Experts predict that by mid-century hundreds of millions of people will be uprooted as a result of sea level rise and an increase in extreme weather events, droughts and desertification. Little is being done to plan for the potential mass migration of millions of refugees who will be forced to cross national borders. According to the UN, there are already more environmental refugees in the world than political or religious refugees. The Pentagon now considers climate change a national security risk and the phrase climate wars is being talked about in war-rooms.
No Other Versions Available

Cooling the Planet
74505 DVD
14 min JIS 2006 Canadian Broadcasting Corp.
A series of 4 short documentaries on innovative community environmental projects. The first examines Sherbrooke University's love affair with city buses, as staff and students ride public transit for free. Car use was reduced by 40%. Next, a visit to Craik, SK, which wants to become Green Town, Canada, by using eco-friendly toilets and water filtration systems. In Alberta, Saving Forests looks at the controversial strategy of "deliberate fires" and how setting fires might actually prevent fires. Then the program turns the distant concept of global warming into a concrete human problem with enormous worldwide consequences. Experts predict that by mid-century hundreds of millions of people will be uprooted as a result of sea level rise and an increase in extreme weather events, droughts and desertification. Little is being done to plan for the potential mass migration of millions of refugees who will be forced to cross national borders. According to the UN, there are already more environmental refugees in the world than political or religious refugees. The Pentagon now considers climate change a national security risk and the phrase climate wars is being talked about in war-rooms.
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Easy Being Green
75344 DVD
20 min IS 2009 McIntyre Films
Everyone is talking about the environment and saving energy, but what are some easy steps anyone can take to lessen their impact on the environment? Join two students as they share easy green solutions that will save the environment, while high school students share ideas about how to make green choices, which are highlighted in four chapters. They include: Your Planet: Love it or Leave it, What Color Are Your Wheels, Living Green at Home-Easy Everyday Habits, and Al Wired Up-Electronics Ugly Energy Secret.
No Other Versions Available

Ecology Series
75131 DVD
80 min I 2003 McIntyre Films
This four-part video series covers: The Biosphere explores the major features of earth's amazing biosphere, including biotic and abiotic components found in an ecosystem. In the Ecosystem Dynamics program students are introduced to the study of ecology. Natural Cycles addresses many of the cycles conducted by animals including migration, hibernation, and patterns relating to day and night. In the People and the Environment program students learn about resource conservation, and renewable and non-renewable resources. Each interactive video is followed by a 10-question Video Quiz and is accompanied by a teacher-friendly guide containing numerous student activities and assessment tools.
No Other Versions Available

Environment and Society
75261 DVD
23 min JI 2006
The main interaction between environment and society is our reliance on Earth's renewable, non-renewable and flow resources. In this program students explore how society uses Earth's resources to meet our most basic needs for food, water and shelter, and how those same resources influence how and where we live. Through our use and misuse of technology, students see how we impact the world around us and conversely, how the forces of the ever-changing Earth shape our lives as well. Students also consider critical environmental issues related to our use of energy resources and learn to appreciate the interconnectedness of Earth's systems.
No Other Versions Available

How To Boil a Frog
76477 DVD
87 min IS 2010 McNabb/Connolly Films
This film features everyman dad narrator, Jon Cooksey (a screenwriter in real life), who is a guy worried about his daughter's future. Cooksey effectively plays a dozen different characters in the film to illustrate his points, from a lab-coated scientist to a surfer. He recounts his own wake-up moment, on the subject of climate change, and his subsequent discovery that global warming is part of a bigger problem: global overshoot humans putting too much demand on our limited natural world. After presenting the consequences of overshoot, Jon launches into a clever review of five major problems and how they're connected: overpopulation, the war on nature, income inequality, peak oil and finally global warming. From there, he offers a set of positive solutions that can be accomplished by individuals and families to help turn things around. Along with the comedy, the movie interweaves high quality animation and world-class experts in relevant fields (presented both briefly and humorously) to help encourage both awareness and action.
No Other Versions Available

In the Environment: Organisms & Ecosystems
(Disc #4)
75015 DVD
60 min JI 2006 Visual Education Centre
In the Environment: Organisms & Ecosystems DVD introduces young learners to important science concepts. Learn about Structure vs. Function, Voluntary & Involuntary Response, Biotic and Abiotic, Ecosystem Categories, Energy Flows, Stimulus and Response, Energy Flow in a Food Chain, Scientific Methods and more. There's even a "Tough Words" section to reinforce these concepts. This DVD contains 18 animated episodes that show how organisms relate to their ecosystems.
No Other Versions Available
On Top of the World: The Arctic Tundra Biome
74301 DVD
18 min Jl 2004 Canadian Learning Company
This program visits northeast Alaska, taking viewers on a discovery tour of the arctic tundra biome. It focuses on the various species of plants and animals and how they adapt to the harsh and frigid climate of this treeless and flat land on top of the world. The arctic tundra biome is a beautiful and often barren place, where winter lasts an incredible ten months and summer is but ten short weeks. Winter temperatures can dip down to minus 70 degrees in this environment. In the summer, daylight lasts 24 hours a day and temperatures climb to as high as 75 degrees. Viewers learn about the permafrost and how its existence influences the living community of this ecosystem.
No Other Versions Available

Vanishing of the Bees
76475 DVD
55 min Jl 2012 McNabb/Connolly Films
Honeybees, vital to sustaining our food supply, are mysteriously disappearing across the planet, literally vanishing from their hives. This alarming phenomenon, known as Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD), is a serious crisis for commercial beekeepers, whose operations are essential to pollinating hundreds of fruit and vegetable crops worth about $18 billion a year in the US alone. For three years, Vanishing of the Bees investigated the honeybee crisis across the US, Europe, Australia and Asia. Through interviews with scientists and beekeepers around the world, along with animation and stunning cinematography, the film chronicles the rise of CCD and the intensive efforts to find the cause of the disorder and preserve the honeybee population.
No Other Versions Available

Wetlands (Bill Nye)
73030 DVD
26 min JI 1996 Magic Lantern Communications
Bill Nye sloshes across American wetlands and gets muddy to show us how swamps, bogs and marshes help control floods, filter water naturally and provide a home for a lot of living things.
No Other Versions Available

The Whale
76476 DVD
85 min IS 2010 McNabb/Connolly Films
The Whale tells the true story of a young, wild killer whale, an orca nicknamed Luna, who lost contact with his family on the coast of British Columbia and became famous around the world when he tried to make friends with human beings. The Whale celebrates the life of a smart, friendly, determined, transcendent being from the other world of the sea who appeared among us like a promise out of the blue, that the greatest secrets in life are still to be discovered.
No Other Versions Available