

A Moment in Forestry

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More often than we like to admit, our role as forest professionals requires us to spend our days attending meetings (sometimes at locations far from home) rather than walking in the forest. On one such occasion last March, in my capacity as forestry planner for Interfor in Grand Forks, I was required to attend a Williamson's Sapsucker Action Planning Workshop at the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) headquarters on Westham Island in Ladner. The island is located at the mouth of the Fraser River and is an over-wintering spot for tens of thousands of snow geese and a stopping-off point for hundreds of species of migratory birds every spring.

As I left the CWS site on the first day, I drove past a couple of huge fields completely blanketed with snow geese and caught this image as a group of them flew off into the sunset.

After the meeting concluded, I had a bit of time before having to board the plane back home, I took a short hike around the Reiffel Bird Sanctuary adjacent to the CWS property and encountered this pair of Sandhill Cranes foraging along the waterway.

It goes to show that even when you least expect it (scheduled for two days of long meetings), life in this profession can lead to very memorable moments and if you are fortunate enough to have a camera along, as I was on this occasion, you can capture that memory forever.

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