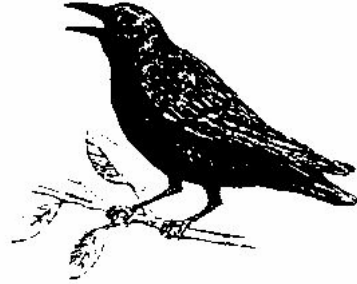


**Excerpt: *Effie Yeaw: Teacher, Naturalist, Visionary*
A Sketch of her Life
*With Her Story, Carlyle the Crow***

. . . Effie broadened her activities, guiding numerous groups of young children on educational tours of (Deterding) Woods. Its paths led among towering oaks and other trees, vast patches of blackberries, fennel, hemlock, Dutchman's Pipe and poison oak, and grassland openings, onto the cobble-strewn flood plain of the river. In all it covered some 70 acres. It was an ideal outdoor classroom.



There seemed to be an infinite variety of wildlife. In addition to water birds, winged creatures included woodpeckers, jays, quail, hawk and owls, many of which nested in the area. Deer were shy but left tracks. And from snakes to earthworms, ant lions, riverbank mussels and spawning salmon, there were hundreds of species for children to observe and examine. There were big old snags riddled with holes that woodpeckers made to store acorns, and an "owl tree" that Effie favored as a stopping place, where she pointed out feathers and pellets on the ground below the tree to her fledgling birdwatchers. "She brought them as close to nature as possible," Louis Heinrich said . . .