

Sticking up for the spotted owl

Brian Payton's story about dwindling owl habitat in British Columbia ("Last call for the spotted owl," *CG* May/June 2006) inspired a group of students at Our Lady of the Assumption School in New Lowell, Ont., to lend their creativity to the cause.

The 18 students in Sara Benjamin's grade five/six class were studying a science unit on renewable and non-renewable resources and a social science unit on democracy.

After reading Payton's story, says Benjamin, the students wanted to make signs and protest. "But I explained that we are in a small town — how many people were going to see that?" Instead,



she had them draw posters describing what they'd learned. Benjamin sent half of the posters to B.C. Premier Gordon Campbell and half to *Canadian*

Geographic. "Please stop the logging of the spotted owl's habitat," Benjamin wrote in a letter to Campbell. "Driving a species to extinction to make a profit is an unforgivable act."

— Greg MacCormack