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Gayle Buzzi grew up in Northwestern Ontario, attained her Master of Fine Arts from the University of Manitoba in 2019 following an Honours Bachelor of Fine Arts from Lakehead University in 2016, and moved immediately back to Thunder Bay.

Artist Statement

I had the opportunity to be surrounded by nature, learning about it and from it. Moving into the city brought a realization crashing down on me: most people don't get this intimate connection to nature.

Living in the city, I became increasingly interested in the wildlife that existed in urban centers, and the relationship that these animals have with the people living there. I started researching the ways that wild animals have infiltrated and adapted to urban environments and creating artworks that focus on exploring the nature versus culture binary through society's relationship to urban wildlife.

My artwork is informed by my study and observation of the accidental landscapes that the wildlife unwittingly ends up inhabiting. Highlighting this nature meets urban collision leads to investigations of the disconnected relationship Western culture has with nature. Using animal forms as a representation of the natural world, I seek to address the ways that nature has adapted to urban environments and generate thought about the ways in which we can re-adapt ourselves to nature.