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Despite being a Canadian icon and a symbol of industriousness, many people view the beaver as a nuisance animal, blaming them for flooding and for damaging property through the felling of trees.

Any derision towards the beaver, which generally is misplaced and based more upon myth than reality, masks the absolutely vital role beavers play in creating a healthy environment.