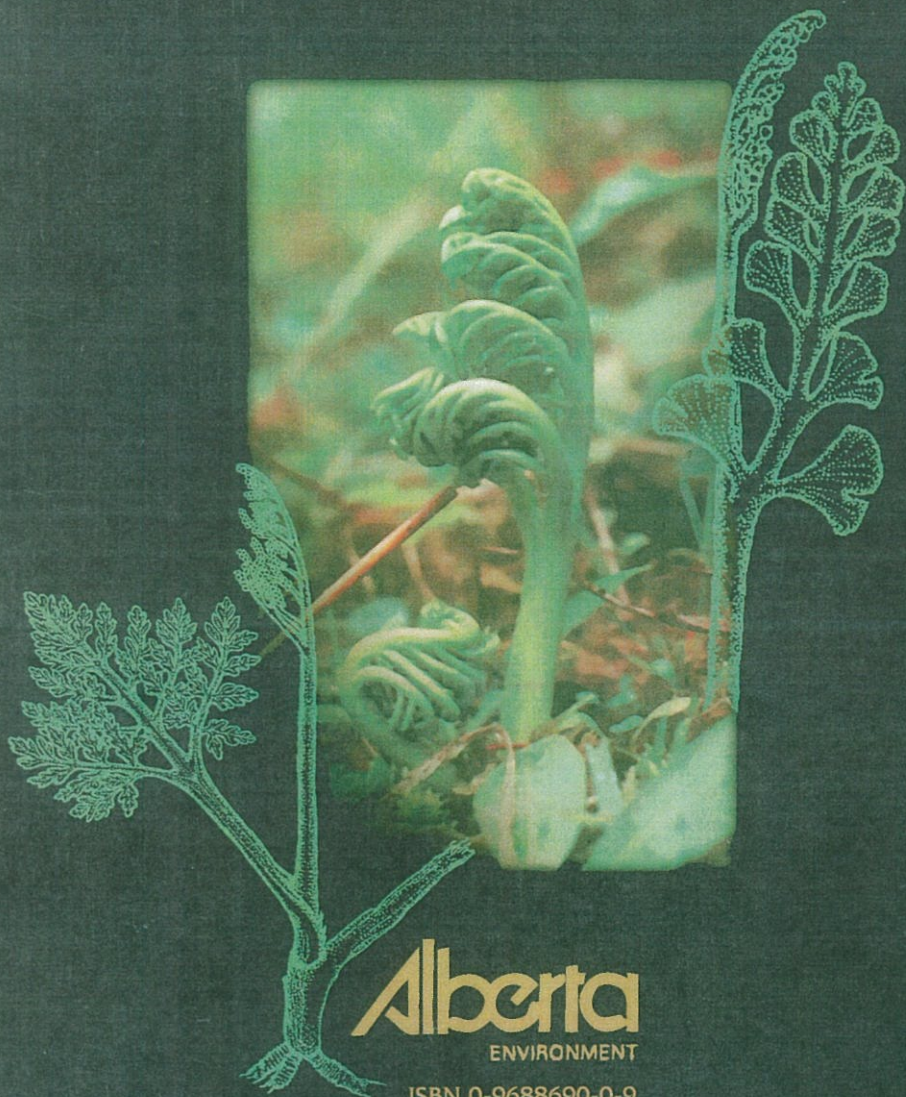


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Horses that feeding on the grassy hills,  
Tread upon moonwort with their hollow heels,  
Though lately shod, at night goe barefoot home,  
Their maister musing where thir shooes be gone.  
O Moonwort tell us where thou hid'st the smith,  
Hammer and pincers, thou unshodst them with?

Alas, what lock or iron engine is't  
That can thy subtile secret strength resist,  
Sith the best farrier cannot set a shoe  
So sure, but thou so shortly cans't undoe?

**Guillaume de Salluste du Bartas (1578)**  
—Devine Weeks

(Translated from French by Joshua Sylvester -1598)

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