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Upcoming Events

Photo Contest 2023 still accepting entries

Photo contest extended to March 15, 2023. Get those entries in! Great prizes, great acknowledgement with winners getting your photo on the cover of the magazine! This [Link](#) will take you to the upload area.

AGM and Conference 2023 - Langley, BC - Registration open online

Hosted by the Langley Field Naturalists, this conference has a great line up of presentations and outings!
Early bird pricing changes on March 15, 2023. Don't delay, some outings are starting to fill up.
[Link](#) to Registration, Schedule, Field Trip outlines, Presenter Bios, and Accommodation recommendations.

BC Nature Awards 2023

Please send your submissions in by March 15, 2023 for all BC Nature award nominations. [Link](#) here for past winners, awards descriptions, and guidelines.

Bert Brink and Rene Savenye Scholarships

Don't delay - Scholarship deadline will be here before you know it. [Link](#) for application guidelines.

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Meet Ernest Spring 2023 BCnature Magazine

Spring 2023 is off to the printers today. Another treasure trove of nature and conservation articles should be in your mailboxes in @ 10 days. For e-version subscribers, you will receive your copy on Monday March 6, 2023

Calling all those interested and engaged in community science!



To all Members;

Together with our colleagues at the University of Victoria we have begun evaluating community science activity in BC and how the province can use it. As part of this work the UVic team have developed a survey to better understand how community science is being conducted and how the collected data is being used. This is to address **Action 6 of the Together For Wildlife Strategy** (T4W - see more information from our colleagues here - [LINK](#) - with data from the survey to be included in a framework report for T4W.

If you are active in conducting community science or using its collected data in some way please help them out by filling in this quick survey

(<https://forms.gle/WPUAdmNsG7MmX3Kt7>). “ This takes all of five minutes to fill out and you will help tremendously!

Thank you
Kephra Beckett
Conservation Coordinator, BC Nature

BC- Fridays For Future Qualicum - Youth and Climate Change



Cowichan Valley Naturalists received this request from the Qualicum youth environment group **BC- Fridays For Future Qualicum:**

A few of our members recently had an opportunity to meet with Jagmeet Singh and our MP Gord Johns at our high-school. The action that came out of this meeting was our MP agreeing to table and read our petition in Parliament if we can collect enough signatures.

This petition is to require consultation with youth when MPs have to vote on a climate bill. The goal is to give youth a voice and place in climate policy.

<https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-4318>

Don't forget that when you sign a Federal Petition they will send you a confirmation email that you have to send back. Often this ends up in your junk box and the action is not completed.

Currently, we are at the stage where we need to start collecting signatures, and since the petition applies to all of Canada, we wanted to reach out to other local, grassroots groups that we thought may be interested.

In order for the petition to be introduced, it doesn't need very many signatures, but the more we have the greater the chance that it will be taken seriously and be considered by Parliament.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and work in this important battle!

Regards,
Teegan and Sierra

BC Bats Need Your Help

Coastal Partners in Conservation

Hello,

BC bats, including the well-known Little Brown Bat, are threatened by WNS; a deadly fungal disease headed towards the province from Alberta and Washington State. The BC Community Bat Program, in collaboration with the Province of BC, is asking the public for help in the effort to detect and prevent the spread of WNS. Residents are urged to report any bat activity observed in winter and any sick or dead bats found before **May 31st**.

WNS attacks bats while they are hibernating, appearing on their wings and faces to give an appearance of a white nose. Bats often wake to clean the fungus from their skin. This uses valuable energy, and finally the bats die from hypothermia and starvation. Across North America, millions of bats have been killed, and two BC species are now listed as Endangered. As a key predator for many night-flying insects, bats are an essential part of BC's ecosystems and provide billions of dollars in economic benefit by helping control agricultural, forest, and urban pests.

First detected in New York State in 2006, the disease continues to spread, with detections on the west coast close to Seattle and in south-central Alberta. Biologists say the arrival of WNS in BC is imminent. Increasing the number of reports from the public is the best chance to understand how WNS might spread and affect local bat populations. Though there is not yet a proven cure for WNS, several promising treatment options are being developed, and it may be possible to mitigate the effects of this wildlife health crisis.

If you find a dead bat or have sightings of winter bat activity, please report to the **BC Community Bat Program** online at www.bcbats.ca, via email at info@bcbats.ca or by calling 1-855-922-2287 (1-855-GOT-BATS).

Thank you, and my apologies if this information was already sent via another source in the BC Bat network.

Interesting Reads as Sent to BC Nature

[New conservancy protects rare ecosystems in Incomappleux Valley](#)

BC Government announces.....

[Explore definitive life histories of every bird species!](#)

Birds of the world

["I'm a Tree"](#)

Music Video - I'm a Tree



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