

Nature's Voice

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Upcoming Events

Invasive Species Council of BC Invites you to

CityNatureChallenge How to iNat

Our Community Science Network is kicking off Invasive Species Action Month by participating in the City Nature Challenge happening from April 29 – May 2! It's an international BioBlitz event to discover and catalogue all the biodiversity that exists in and around our cities. [Register Today](#)

Webinar: IVMA - First Aid for Pesticide Exposure

This presentation examines the acute health risks associated with the use of pesticides, based on their relative toxicity and the degree of exposure. While we cannot change the toxicity of a pesticide, we CAN change the extent of our exposure to it. [Register Today](#)

BC Nature AGM 2021-2022

Not too late to register! Great outings and great presentations have been set up for BC Nature members with a small portion of Saturday set aside for meetings. Come and get educated on Nature and see the great wildlife, birds and botany of Sunny Kelowna. AGM 2022 is hosted by Central Okanagan Naturalists' Club (CONC) at the **UBC Okanagan Campus, 3333 University Way, Kelowna, BC.**

Register on line at – [Link](#)

BC Naturalists' Foundation AGM

The BC Naturalists' Foundation Annual General Meeting shall take place commencing at 16:15 Friday 27 May, 2022 at the Kelowna UBC Okanagan campus.

All are welcome. A zoom link shall be provided in advance to anyone who won't be attending in person. Please contact Stephen Partington (778-237-3274; foundation@bcnature.ca) to receive a link.

The BC Naturalists' Foundation currently has openings on the board. All applicants will be given due consideration.

BC Nature Scholarships Deadlines

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*Introduction to BC
Nature Board of
Directors*

Alan Burger - Interim President

Past President: Alan Burger is currently interim President of BC Nature. Alan is a retired wildlife biologist and university Professor who now calls Logan Lake home. Research on ecology and seabirds, especially the threatened Marbled Murrelet, was Alan's primary career focus. Alan has been a member of naturalist groups all his adult life and is currently the president of the Nic ola Naturalist Society in Merritt. He has been on the BC Nature Board since 2012 and was President from 2016 to 2019. Wildlife viewing and photography, birding, hiking, and kayaking are Alan's main outdoor interests. His personal website is <http://www.aburger.ca/>

BC Nature - Bert Brink Scholarship: Bert Brink, past president of BC Nature and strong advocate of nature stewardship and conservation. This scholarship for \$2500 is awarded to graduate students. [Bert Brink Scholarship Application – Deadline May 27, 2022](#)

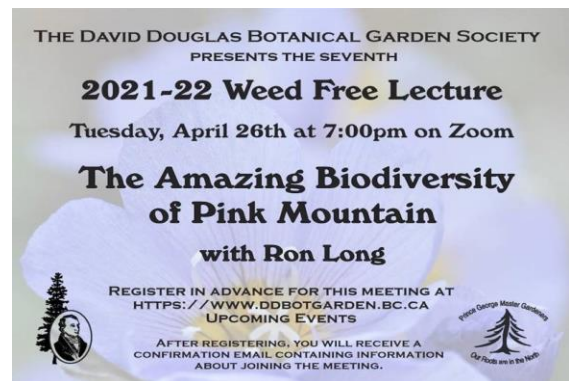
BC Nature - Rene Savenye Scholarship: Rene Savenye, contributor, mentor, and organizer at numerous naturalist and hiking clubs. He was the consummate teacher exhibiting uncommon patience and enthusiasm while explaining the marvels of nature.

The scholarship \$2000 is awarded to a post-secondary student. [Rene Savenye Scholarship Application - Due May 27, 2022](#)

The Amazing Diversity of Pink Mountain, on Zoom

Pink Mountain appears to have one of and possibly the highest concentration of rare species in British Columbia. A number of the plants are red and blue listed (rare) in the province and almost all are rarely seen because of their normally difficult to access high elevation habit. Added to that are the complex adaptations that allow these plants to thrive in a seemingly impossibly harsh environment. For the plant enthusiast, there is no more interesting location than Pink Mountain.

To register: [DDBGS Seventh Weed Free Lecture ~ April 26th at 7:00pm by Zoom](#)



Driving Species to Extinction should be illegal



From our friends at the Wilderness Committee

In 2017, Environment Minister George Heyman's mandate included establishing a species at risk law. This law could've finally protected species at risk – endangered, threatened and of special concern – and their habitats. But in 2019 Premier John Horgan announced the government would no longer be enacting a species at risk law.

In 2021, the BC government committed to a paradigm shift in the woods which includes legally establishing ecosystem health and biodiversity as a priority. **This is an opportunity to finally get species at risk legal protection through a biodiversity law.**

[Sign the Letter - Join the movement](#)

Help Protect SWBC Grizzly Bears / HMC's Grizzly Bear Reporting Program

A collaboration of environmental groups has launched an effort to enlist public support in documenting sightings of rare grizzly bears in southwest British Columbia.

Call the toll-free sightings hotline (1-855-GO-GRIZZ or 1-855-464-7499) if you see a grizzly in southwest BC.

For more information go to:



coasttocascades.org/sightings or <http://hopemountain.org/conservation/grizzly-bear-reporting/>

Logging old growth in areas where it should be protected?!



Stand.earth Research Group just released shocking satellite images that reveal recent logging in the most at-risk old growth forests in B.C.

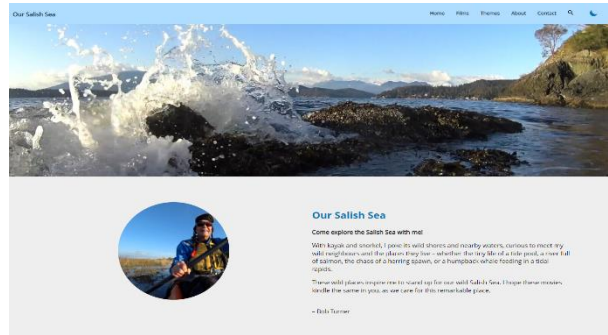
The technical panel that was appointed by the B.C. government itself implored decision-makers to **immediately pause logging in these areas months ago**, but the B.C. NDP chose instead to leave the majority of these at-risk old growth forests on the chopping block.

Will you take 2 minutes and send an email to your MLA to tell them that logging is still happening in the most at-risk old growth forests on their watch? We have these appalling images, and key points written out for you in our easy-to-use template to send your email.

Email your MLA right now to renew public pressure to protect ALL at-risk old growth – it's quick and easy!

New website for Bob Turner movies - "Our Salish Sea"

For the past 8 years, Bob Turner has been making short movies about our local Wild Nature and posting them on 'Bob Turner' YouTube channel. Currently, he has produced 40 movies about his explorations, from tidepools to humpbacks, and from salmon runs to herring spawns. His intention has been to create a fabric of woven stories that shine a light on the remarkable Wild Nature around us. However, his YouTube channel does not provide context for the movies nor organize them into themes for easier browsing. A new website for his movies has been created to compliment his YouTube channel. Please visit: [Our Salish Sea](#) to capture the scope of his movie-making and his conviction that he, along with all of us, bear responsibility for the future of this ocean around us.



Bald Eagles need your help



Big eagles need big trees to hold big nests! The problem is the lower mainland, and many other areas, have few big trees left beside the food producing waters where eagles most successfully rear young. Many of the hundreds of nests we survey on a regular basis are placed in inadequate trees: thin trees whose supportive branches frequently break off, the nests fall or they are too low to the ground and human disruptions.

Details and Background of Hancock Wildlife Foundation Educational Outreach and Research by David Hancock

Read here: <https://hancockwildlife.org/delta-2-nest-rescue/#email>

You can follow some of our eagles at their nests or those wearing trackers or directly make a donation: www.hancockwildlife.org If you wish to contact David: Phone 604 761-1025 or Email: davidhwf@gmail.com

Long-billed Curlew Survey

If you are interested, then please check this link for: [Long-billed Curlew Survey | Birds Canada](#)

When: May 1st to 7th, 2022 (Your choice of day)

Where: Low-elevation grasslands of the Cariboo-Chilcotin along the Chilcotin and Fraser Rivers, they range from just west of Alexis Creek to just east of Lac La Hache and from Quesnel to Big Bar. We will try to assign volunteers a survey routes of their interest or for their logistical convenience.

How: Approximately half a day is required to complete a survey. Volunteers will drive an assigned survey route, stopping at regular intervals to look and listen for curlews. Information packages complete with instructions, maps and data forms will be provided. Volunteers will be expected to provide their own vehicle, fuel, binoculars and to donate their time. While previous birding experience would be an asset, it is not a requirement!



Heat Dome Submission



Our BC Nature members are the naturalist eyes on our province. The unprecedented heat dome that occurred nearly a year ago as a result of our warming climate was not only linked to the deaths of nearly 600 British Columbians, it also wreaked havoc on our intertidal life, had a worrisome impact on glaciers, saw berries cooking on the vine, and resulted the deaths of large numbers of fish and birds.

The BC Nature climate committee is calling on you to share your stories, observations, feelings, photos, poems, art work, or any form that works for you, on the impact that frightening event had on you and that we can share with others. BC Nature members are deeply connected to the ecosystems around us and are keen observers of what threatens them. Send your submissions or questions to BCN_ClimateComm_HeatDome@protonmail.com Subject Line - Heat Dome Submission

Getting Into Action Course : Drawdown Climate Change Solutions

Starting May 9 [Drawdown.org](https://drawdown.org) is hosting another free **Getting Into Action Course**, which is a facilitated interactive workshop series that explore Project Drawdown climate change solutions in more depth, and support participants in identifying, supporting, and initiating climate change solutions at the household, community, and policy levels.

5-sessions, online (Zoom until further notice), 1.5 hours per session, with a 2-hour final session. Register [here](#).



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