

Nature's Voice

THE PERIODICAL NEWSLETTER FROM bcnature

TO KNOW NATURE AND TO KEEP IT WORTH KNOWING

Upcoming Events

Tuesday October 20

Nature Victoria - [Tuesday Birding](#)

Burke Mountain Naturalists - [Blakeburn Lagoons Park Invasive Plant Removal](#)

Delta Naturalists - [Terra Nova Rural Park Bird Outing](#)

Salt Spring Trail & Nature Club - [Mount Erskine Hike](#)

Salt Spring Trail & Nature Club - [Little Mountain to Wellbury Bay](#)

Nature Cowichan - Invasive Plant Removal - [Somenos Garry Oak Protected Area](#)

Vancouver Avian Research Centre - [Shorebird Workshop](#)

Nature Chilliwack - [Great Blue Heron Presentation](#)

Nature Cowichan - [The Wisdom of Turtles](#)

Wed. October 21

Central Okanagan Naturalists' Level 3 - [Lebanon Creek Greenway & Kelowna Craggs](#)

Nature Victoria - [Swan Lake Bird Walk](#)

Delta Naturalists - [Terra Nova Rural Park Bird Outing](#)

Arrowsmith Naturalists - [Mushroom Walk at Big Qualicum Fish Hatchery](#)

Thursday October 22

Central Okanagan Naturalists' Club - [Black Mt. Grasslands](#)

Friends of Semiahmoo Bay - [White Rock Native Plant Garden](#)

Rocky Mountain Naturalists - [Elizabeth Lake](#)

Vancouver Avian Research Centre - [Shorebird Workshop](#)

South Okanagan Naturalists' Club - [Changes/Cathedral Lakes](#)

Vancouver Avian Research Centre - [Wildlife Trivia Night](#)

Nature Vancouver - [The Web of Life Presentation Zoom](#)

Friday October 23

Arrowsmith Naturalists - [Mushroom/Summit & Loon Lakes](#)

Saturday October 24

Nature Victoria - [Birding Witty's Lagoon](#)

Nature Vancouver - [Bird Walk at Terra Nova Park](#)

Burke Mountain Naturalists - [Jug Island & Admiralty Point Hike](#)

North Okanagan Naturalists' Club - [Polson Park Nature Walk](#)

Langley Field Naturalists - [Trinity Western University's Ecosystem Walk](#)

Alberni Valley Nature Club - [Loon Lake Loop Mushroom Collecting Hike](#)

Nature Vancouver - [Tree ID Walk in Shaughnessy Park](#)

Rocky Mountain Naturalists- [McGinty Lake Nest Box Monitoring](#)

WildResearch - [Plant ID Walk Stanley Park](#)

Sunday October 25

Burke Mountain Naturalists - [Como Lake Water Quality Monitoring](#)

Burke Mountain Naturalists - [Lost Lake and Mundy Lake Water Quality](#)

Burke Mountain Naturalists - [Salmon Come Home Festival](#)

Arrowsmith Naturalists & Alberni Valley Nature Club - [Mid-Island Mushroom /Nature Festival](#)

Salt Spring Trail & Nature Club - [Channel Ridge Hike](#)

Monday October 26

Central Okanagan Naturalists' Club - [Level 3 - Larch Hike Myra Bellevue](#)

Tuesday October 27

Nature Victoria - [Tuesday Birding](#)

Friends of Semiahmoo Bay - [Dart's Hill Garden Work Party](#)

Delta Naturalists - [Ladner Harbour Park Birding](#)

Nature Salt Spring - [Otter in the Water](#)

Wednesday October 28

Delta Naturalists - [Ladner Harbour Park Bird](#)

Nature Victoria - [Swan Lake Bird Walk](#)

Little Campbell River Watershed - [Invasive Weed Pull/Latimer Park](#)

Arrowsmith Naturalists - [Walk at Westwood Lake](#)

Nature Victoria - [Birders Night - Australian Birds](#)

Thursday October 29

Central Okanagan Naturalists' Club - [Smith Creek, Travelin Man](#)

Vancouver Avian Research Centre - [Caring for Birds in Winter Webinar](#)

Saturday October 31

North Okanagan Naturalists' Club - [Cosens Bay Walk](#)

BC Nature Dates to Remember

Tuesday October 20 + 21 - [Nature on the Hill \(Nature Canada\)](#)

Friday October 30 - Deadline for entries to the [BC Nature/HCTF photo contest](#)

Sunday November 1 - Deadline for all advertising, articles, and Club notices for the *BCnature* Winter Magazine: communications@bcnature.ca

Monday November 2 - BC Nature and BC Naturalists Foundation Club

Support Grant Applications will be posted: [LINK](#)

Tuesday December 1 - [Giving Tuesday](#)

January 2, 2027 - Online Registration for the 2027 AGM will open (Details in the Winter Magazine)



Please Donate!

From paper clips to computers—your support keeps BC Nature working.

Behind every successful conservation program is a busy office connecting people, supporting projects, and keeping things moving. Your donation helps BC Nature serve our members and clubs, respond to public inquiries, and support the staff who run our Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) and Municipal Protected Areas Program (MPAP), coordinate club project grants, and more.

Our 2026 donation campaign is well behind last year's, and we need your help. As of September 30, we had raised \$16,000 toward our \$65,000 goal—leaving \$49,000 to raise by December 31.

A gift of any size helps provide the everyday tools and support that make this work possible. If you've already donated, thank you! If you're able to give, please help us move the thermometer closer to our goal.

Donate today at bcnature.org/donate. Thank you for supporting the people and projects that keep nature worth knowing.

Photo Contest Extended to October 30, 2026

The 2026 BC Nature & [Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation](#) Photo Contest has been EXTENDED!

You now have until October 30th to share your favourite images celebrating the incredible biodiversity, landscapes, and wild places of British Columbia.

There's still time to enter in one of our five categories:

Botany & BC Landscapes

Birds & Insects

Wildlife (excluding birds)

Conservation Lands & Wildlife Management Areas

Youth (17 and under)

We would especially love to see more entries in our Conservation Lands & Wildlife Management Areas category, in honour of Karen Wipond — a lifelong conservation champion and longtime lead of the Province of British Columbia's Conservation Lands Program. This category celebrates the special places protected for their important habitats, ecosystems, and wildlife.

Photo submission portal: <https://bcnature.org/2026-photo-contest/>

Help us celebrate B.C.'s incredible natural diversity, one photograph at a time!



Volunteer Needed: BC Nature Conservation Committee Chair



Conservation — The protection, preservation, management, or restoration of natural environments and the ecological communities that inhabit them.

At BC Nature, the conservation leadership role focuses on turning our conservation priorities, and those of our federated clubs, into policy, advocacy, research, and on-the-ground protection of British Columbia's biodiversity.

BC Nature is currently seeking a volunteer chairperson for its Conservation Committee. The committee is comprised of informed and passionate members drawn from our clubs. The committee chair has the privilege of being a Board member, thus sharing with the board and being informed of the many activities of the organization.

If you are interested and want more information, contact Harold Sellers at president@bcnature.ca

Papt Ku Gwenis: Gwenis Forever Project



From our friends at [Watershed Security Fund](#)

The beginnings of the The Papt Ku Gwenis Project In 2021, [B.C. Nature](#) and [Tsal'alh First Nation](#) took steps to have Anderson and Seton Lakes recognized as a Key Biodiversity Area, both for the Gwenis and other significant salmon stocks that rely on the area for spawning. Key Biodiversity Areas are sites recognized

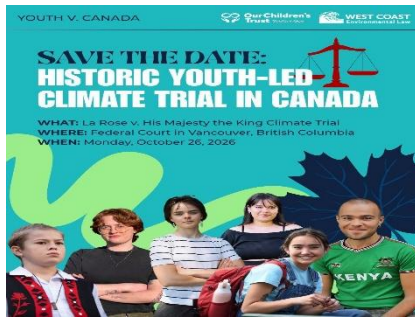
globally as critical for the survival of nature, as they support rare or threatened species, unique ecosystems, or important ecological processes. Recognition of the ecological significance of Anderson and Seton Lakes laid out the groundwork for a broader effort to document, protect, and restore Gwenis populations.

The Papt Ku Gwenis Project began as a PhD research initiative by Dr. Sarah Moritz, a sociocultural anthropologist, who investigated how Interior and Coast Salish peoples, particularly matriarchs, have traditionally related to and interacted with wild salmon and their ongoing cultural legacy across freshwater and saltwater realms. Please read the full story [HERE](#)

Full video on [YouTube](#)

Full article from BC Nature's Liam Ragan - [Spring 2025](#) - Page 27

Youth Versus Canada



On October 26, 2026, 15 youth plaintiffs from all over Canada will walk into court for the first-led federal climate case to reach trial in Canadian history.

Backgrounder: On October 25, 2019, fifteen children and youth from across Canada filed an action in Federal Court against Canada and the Attorney General of Canada alleging that the federal government's conduct contributing to greenhouse gas emissions and climate change violated their rights under sections 7 and 15 of

the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The youth climate trial against the federal government of Canada, formally known as *La Rose v. His Majesty the King*, is officially set to begin trial on October 26, 2026.

Key Trial Details

- **Location:** The trial will take place in **Vancouver, B.C.**
- **The Case:** The lawsuit was brought forward by **15 young Canadians** who are challenging the federal government over its role in fueling the climate crisis, arguing that its actions and policies violate their constitutional rights to life, health, and security.
- **Significance:** This marks the **first time** the federal government of Canada will face youth plaintiffs in court regarding systemic climate change harms. You can follow live updates and legal tracking through the [Our Children's Trust Canada Trial Headquarters](#).

Sign the Salmon Declaration



From our friends of Watershed Watch Salmon Society: Governments are being pulled in a hundred different directions right now and wild salmon are getting shoved further down the priority list.

We can't wait for things to settle down.

That's why my colleagues and I at Watershed Watch are joining forces with two other leading wild salmon defenders—SkeenaWild Conservation Trust and Raincoast Conservation Foundation—to form Salmon

United.

And I'm inviting you to be part of it. [LINK](#)

For the fish,

Aaron Hill

Executive Director

Watershed Watch Salmon Society

Visiting KBAs by Bike Across Canada



From our friends at CPAWS:

Imagine biking across Canada. Now imagine doubling that journey to visit Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) along the way. That's exactly what Kevin did! KBAs are places that are critical for the protection of biodiversity, yet biodiversity loss continues to threaten ecosystems around the world. To raise awareness about this global challenge, Kevin set out on a two-wheeled journey across Canada,

visiting KBAs and documenting his experience along the way. As a participant in the Young Leaders in Conservation Program with CPAWS-BC, Kevin turned his collection of clips and stories into a film and we're excited to share the journey with you! Join us to experience the adventurous highs, silly moments, beautiful landscapes, and reflections on the biodiversity crisis alongside Kevin and the CPAWS-BC and Patagonia crew!

[Sunday November 1st](#)

