

Nature's Voice

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Upcoming Events

Survey - Dog Waste in Parks

Call for Information: Dog Waste Bags in Nature Areas - Fill in the survey : [LINK](#)

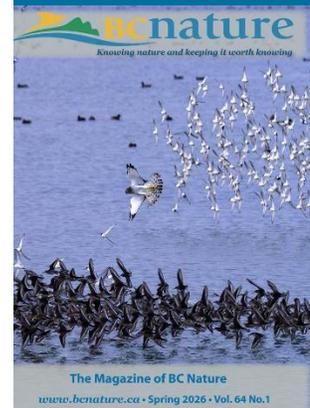
BC Nature AGM and Conference 2026

Registration open for BC Nature AGM and Conference 2026 - [LINK](#)

Bert Brink and Rene Savenye Scholarship Application Deadline

Applications available for download at this [LINK](#)

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Spring 2026 BCnature Magazine

Now Available

In case you missed the e-notification - the Spring 2026 BCnature Magazine is available for viewing online or download to you device - [LINK](#)

Nature where we live: The Greater Burnaby Lake Ecosystem



Nature Vancouver has just published volume #53 of [Discovery](#) with a special focus on the importance of nature in this large, partially-protected watershed that includes eastern Vancouver, central Burnaby, western Coquitlam, southwestern Port Moody and northeastern New Westminster. This watershed is located in dense municipal communities where economic growth, housing and industrial developments exert pressure on the health and survival of wildlife, salmon-bearing waterways, and potential loss of human access to wilderness trails. Read the trio of articles that show how good things happen when people share a vision of stewardship, work together and achieve conservation goals. The several positive stewardship activities involve efforts by three BC Nature clubs (Cariboo Heights Forest Preservation Society, Stoney Creek Environmental Conservation Society and Nature Vancouver) as well as other groups. [Download Link](#)

Events for Native Bee Society of BC



There are a plethora of Bee courses coming up - check here for a course near your area

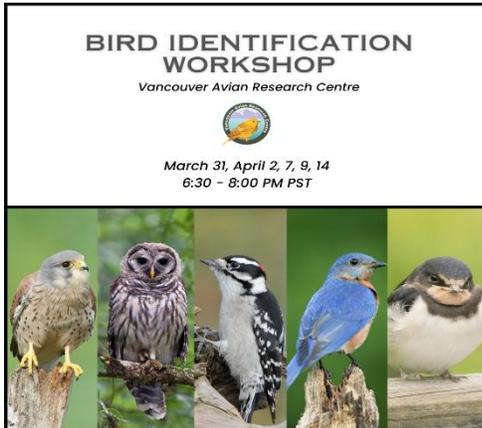
<https://www.bcnativebees.org/outreach-events>

- May 9, 2026 Mini Bee School - VIU Cowichan
- June 5, 2026 Mini Bee School - HCP Victoria
- June 10, 2026 BC Native Bee Course 2026

Penticton

- August 8, 2026 Bee Inspired: Art for Conservation Competition
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Virtual Bird Identification Program - Vancouver Avian Research Society



Exciting news! The Vancouver Avian Research Centre is hosting its Virtual Bird Identification Workshop this spring!

Dates: March 31, April 2, 7, 9, 14 (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM PST

Format: 5 interactive Zoom sessions

This comprehensive workshop is perfect for beginner and intermediate birders looking to improve their ID skills. Led by expert Derek

Matthews, you'll learn to identify a wide range of bird species, from raptors to songbirds, using proven techniques that will enhance your birding experience.

Don't miss out on this incredible learning opportunity! Register now through the link below.

<https://donorbox.org/id26>

Tell BC to Invest in the Coastal Marine Strategy

From our friends at Westcoast Environmental Law

Healthy coasts are critical for human safety and security, and responsible economic management. A new coastal marine law (and amendments to existing laws) could address marine pollution and contaminated seafood, protect coastal habitat, help restore shorelines, and recognize and standardize marine plans. [Staff Lawyer Erin Gray explains in this new blog.](#)

Have 30 seconds to spare? [Use our action tool](#) to urge BC to adequately fund and develop a legal framework for the Coastal Marine Strategy!

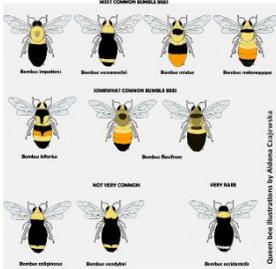
Send a Message for Old-Growth Forests



From our friends at Sierra Club

Old-growth forests are the foundation of life in B.C. They provide our communities with clean air and water, shelter endangered species, support B.C.'s billion-dollar tourism industry, and are culturally important to many First Nations. Despite repeated promises from the provincial government to protect these at-risk ecosystems, every day 100 soccer fields of irreplaceable old growth are cut down. Only a fraction of the most endangered stands are protected. Let's change that. Visit this link and send your letter - [LINK](#)

Charting the Course - March 2026



Tips on Charting a Course for Tomorrow: *Thoughts on how to energize your club*

First is a project of a BC Nature club that could engage the broader community.

The Burke Mountain Naturalists hold an annual “Spot the First Bumble Bee of Spring” contest.

Next we go Down Under where the Field Naturalists Club of Victoria (Australia) has an interesting program. They have a microscopy group with the club having several microscopes. Members also bring microscopes to their meetings.

This could be an exciting addition to some of our club meetings here in BC: have a microscope (perhaps donated or bought with a grant) at meetings and invite members to bring things to examine under the microscope. Again, the community could be invited and participate.

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Got your own idea for revitalization? Share it with Harold Sellers, vicepresident@bcnature.ca

Wonders of the Salish Sea



Discover the "[Wonders of the Salish Sea](https://wondersofthesalishsea.com)" with scientists, naturalists, and environmentalists. March 30, April 13, & 20, 2026. 7 - 9PM. This year we'll dive into the following topics; the convergence of unique geography, biodiversity, and human activity, the resilient Salish Sea; fishes of the shallows, the secret lives of harbour porpoises, sea stars - exposed and explained, misunderstood yet charismatic gulls, Indigenous Food Systems, and a truly remarkable whale tale. \$30 for the full series. Donations welcome. Subsidies and group rates available. Hosted by Georgia Strait Alliance in partnership with the Salish Sea Institute. More information at wondersofthesalishsea.com. Stay tuned for information on field trips!

Interesting Reads as Sent to BC Nature

[Canada's Protected Areas Generated Billions in GDP](#)

[This podcast from Birds Canada may interest you and many club members.](#)

The Warblers - A Birds Canada Podcast [1] birdscanada.org [1]

[Regional District of Nanaimo secures purchase of Hamilton Marsh](#)

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