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One Million iNaturalist Observations in BC Parks ...



One Million iNaturalist Observations in BC Parks Result in Discovery of Rare, Potentially New-to-Science Species and other Conservation Triumphs

From BC Parks Foundation:

Tori Miller wasn't sure what kind of arthropod she'd spotted crawling atop a lichen-covered rock, but she knew it was something unique.

"I was thrilled when I found out it was likely new to science.

It's like discovering a hidden treasure, but even more valuable—because it's alive, and part of our natural world."

Miller is one of over 13,000 people who have helped record an astounding one million observations in BC's provincial parks over the past five years. [Read More](#)

If you haven't done so yet, open your [inaturalists](#) account and start submitting your sightings on all things nature!

Species at Risk Update



From the Narwhal: Nearly 2,000 species are at-risk in B.C. Only 42 are being considered for new protections. Internal government records show officials are working to update list of at-risk species under forestry legislation for the first time in almost two decades.

The B.C. government is considering listing more than three dozen plants and animals as species at risk in a move that could allow officials to better protect critical habitat from clearcut

logging, according to records The Narwhal obtained through a freedom of information request. [Read More](#)

2025 BC Nature and Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation (HCTF) Photo Contest



Guidelines, for the 2025 co-sponsored BC Nature and HCTF photo contest are now posted on our website. Start gathering up your photos from this year (or beyond) and enter them in the January 1, 2025 photo contest. Tell your friends, neighbours, and relatives to enter. [Read More](#)

Charting the Course for Tomorrow



The latest tips on Charting a Course for

Tomorrow: *Thoughts on how to energize your club*

Many groups offer birding outings amongst their activities. In the Spring, wildflower outings are also popular.

Our tips this time are to utilize these outings to attract the public and hopefully gain new members.

- Promote the outing in your local newspaper, online news, Facebook, etc. Invite newcomers to come and learn from your club's passionate birders.
 - Make sure you emphasize that visitors are welcome and you'll be sharing your knowledge with them.
 - Specifically invite families to bring their children.
 - Make sure your publicity makes it clear if the walk is easy, how long it is, and be very clear about how to get to the location, what to bring, footwear, etc.
- Parents with children might find a slow-moving birding outing to be boring. Especially if they don't have binoculars!
 - Your club should buy one or two binoculars that you can loan out during the outing. Also buy a birding guide or two.
 - Assign a member to each new family to welcome and coach them during the walk.
 - At the end of the outing, give the visitors a piece of information that informs them of upcoming outings and encourages them to join your group.

Got your own idea? How are you doing? Share your experiences with [Harold Sellers](#)

To read all of the Chart the Course helpful hints - we have put them all on one web page, plus links to the [webinars](#). Help your club grow and be prosperous.

Why we're going to the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP16)



From West Coast Environmental Law: The UN Convention on Biodiversity is happening right now in Cali, Colombia. You may recall that in 2022, Canada Hosted COP15 in Montreal, which resulted in nearly 200 countries agreeing to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), a landmark agreement for halting and reversing nature loss. [Read on](#)

There is a call to action by signing a petition at the bottom of this page. This petition from West Coast Environmental Law is to encourage the Canadian federal government to pass [Bill C-73](#), the Nature Accountability Act.

Interesting Reads as Sent to BC Nature

[Fish Sounds Webinar](#)

FishSounds is excited to announce the launching of an 8-part online seminar series about underwater sounds, presented by an international group of bioacoustics researchers! Anyone interested in underwater sound is welcome.

[1,800 Hectares of Prime Habitat Conserved for BC's Iconic Wildlife](#)

[The Nature Trust of BC Protects Essential Wildlife Corridor and Rare Grasslands in Similkameen Valley](#)

