

Nature's Voice

THE PERIODICAL NEWSLETTER FROM BCnature

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Upcoming Events

Identifying Common Raptors in the Pacific Northwest Workshop!

Hosted by WildResearch

This event will be held on Zoom.

Saturday March 27th 2021 from 7pm to 8pm.

Time will be allowed for questions.

The event is free for members of WildResearch and register.

For non-members this event is by-donation (recommended: \$5).

We ask for these small donations by attendees because

they help support our events, insurance costs,

room rentals (for non-pandemic times),

and to cover the costs of equipment and

supplies for bird banding. It's for the birds, the bees,

and the bunnies.

To register: Please follow this [Link](#)

Using Nature's Way to Fight the Climate Crisis

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Spring Magazine 2021

Spring 2021 BCnature magazine

Canada Post should be delivering your magazine anytime now (if not already!). All e-version notifications have been sent. Save a tree - switch from Canada Post to e-version .pdf format. email: [BC Nature](#)

March 28, 2021 - 3:00 -4:30 pm / Cost: \$10.00

Your host: David Denning, our host, is a

Salt Spring-based science educator, naturalist, and climate activist.

To register - [Link](#) (See top right hand side "Register")

Nature-based Climate Solutions - What? Why? and How?



Mark your calendar with this great event

Hosted by Nature Canada - "Nature-based Climate Solutions"

When: Sunday - April 25, 2021, Time: 4:00 PM

Registration required: Yes, please go to this [link](#) and register (On the right hand side)

Wherever you are on the climate action spectrum, from novice to expert, you are a naturalist. What you do for nature may also help with climate change. With Nature Canada's Teagan Yaremchuk and Michael Polanyi, learn about the positive impact of climate solutions that revolve around conservation and restoration of wild lands, enhanced agricultural practices and climate change solutions in your own backyard. Contribute your years of knowledge interacting with nature and working on local club projects. Together, we will generate additional ideas for enhancing natural systems that reduce climate change.

At the conclusion of the webinar, you will have input into future webinar topics.

** this event will be hosted via Zoom and the link to join will be sent out 48 hours in advance

Nature-related Job Postings

1) Join the Team at Scout Island Nature Centre - Williams Lake

Position available: Education Coordinator

Position Overview: We are looking for someone with a passion for nature and passionate about sharing nature with others. You will need natural history knowledge and experience teaching in a variety of indoor and outdoor settings. The Education Coordinator is responsible for developing, coordinating and delivering Scout Island nature education programs throughout the year as well as sharing supervision of the summer staff and high school volunteers. **Interested? Go to**

this [link](#) Applications due by March 29, 2021

2) Rocky Point Bird Observatory

Position available: Banders needed

To work as a member of our team of banders, interns and volunteers at Rocky Point Bird Observatory (RPBO) in Metchosin, B.C. (near Victoria). The Bander is responsible for banding, processing and censusing birds, as well as recording, reviewing and proofreading all data according to the migration monitoring protocol and any other protocols established for the RPBO sites. The Bander will be required to work at both of the two migration monitoring sites and complete a variety of related assigned tasks. The Bander will typically work six days per week, for approximately 7 hours starting about 45 minutes before sunrise. As such, actual start and end times change over the course of the season. For more information on this position please follow this [link](#)

Protect Killer Whales & Salmon - Say no to Roberts Bank Terminal 2

For decades BC Nature and affiliated clubs have fought to keep the Fraser River Estuary healthy and intact. Now the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 project is threatening not just the wetlands that support migratory birds but also the marine environment critical to Chinook salmon and Endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales.

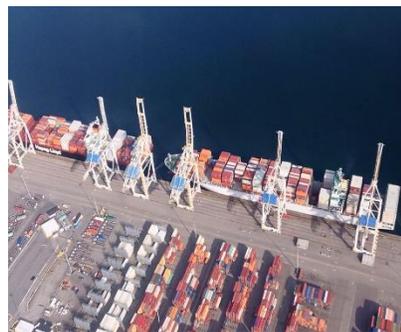
Canada's own Impact Assessment Agency has concluded that habitat loss and estuary changes from the expansion of the shipping terminal will have significant adverse and cumulative effects on Southern Resident killer whales through;

- the destruction of legally protected critical habitat
- reduced salmon availability
- increased underwater noise from a 25% increase in ships transiting the Salish Sea.

The damage to these species and their habitat cannot be effectively mitigated.

As the eyes, ears, hands and voice for nature in B.C. we are speaking out against the proposed Terminal 2 project. We ask that you also speak up for nature. Please tell the Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Jonathan Wilkinson and the federal cabinet, to say no to Roberts Bank Terminal 2 as part of a commitment to protecting restoring salmon and killer whales.

Please view this excellent video from Birds Canada Facebook - [Protect Killer Whales & Salmon - Say no to Roberts Bank Terminal 2](#) (I believe you can watch this video even if you don't have Facebook)



Heron Cam - Live



From our friends at the Cowichan Estuary Nature Centre - a wonderful "Live cam" of a Great Blue Heron rookery.

Welcome to our live-stream heron-cam overlooking the largest heron rookery on Vancouver Island! Last year there were over 110 heron nests and over 200 herons roosting in the heronry! How many can you count? Follow this link for instructions on viewing this wonderful sight - [link](#)

Environment and Climate Change Canada Posted on the Species at Risk Public Registry four Proposed Management Plans



Georgia Basin Bog Spider



Peacock Vinyl Lichen



Wandering Salamander



Western Waterfan



The following documents are open for a 90-day comment period. The public comment period ends on April 29, 2021.

Management Plan for the Georgia Basin Bog Spider (*Gnaphosa snohomish*) in Canada [Proposed]

The Georgia Basin Bog Spider is listed as Special Concern under SARA and is found in extreme southwestern British Columbia.

- To view the proposed document and submit comments go to: [The Management Plan for the Georgia Basin Bog Spider \(*Gnaphosa snohomish*\) in Canada \[Proposed\]](#)

Management Plan for the Peacock Vinyl Lichen (*Leptogium polycarpum*) in Canada [Proposed]

The Peacock Vinyl Lichen is listed as Special Concern under SARA and it occurs along the Pacific coast eastward to the foot of the coastal mountain ranges in British Columbia.

- To view the proposed document and submit comments go to: [The Management Plan for the Peacock Vinyl Lichen \(*Leptogium polycarpum*\) in Canada \[Proposed\]](#)

Management Plan for the Wandering Salamander (*Aneides vagrans*) in Canada [Proposed]

The Wandering Salamander is listed as Special Concern under SARA and is found in low-elevation forests on Vancouver Island and adjacent small offshore islands in southwestern British Columbia.

- To view the proposed document and submit comments go to: [The Management Plan for the Wandering Salamander \(*Aneides vagrans*\) in Canada \[Proposed\]](#)

Management Plan for the Western Waterfan (*Peltigera gowardii*) in Canada [Proposed]

The Western Waterfan is listed as Special Concern under SARA and it inhabits permanent, primarily spring-fed streams in open subalpine or alpine meadows within 8 known sites across British Columbia.

- To view the proposed document and submit comments go to: The **Management Plan for the Western Waterfan (*Peltigera gowardii*) in Canada [Proposed]**

Take your Birding Skills to a Whole New Level.



John Neville, Birding by Ear - Part 1 Presentation

John Neville, Birding by Ear - Part 2 Presentation

BC Nature Board Positions



From the Nominating Committee

Vacancies on the BC Nature Board. The Board is seeking keen BC Nature members to serve on the Board:

1. Vice-president
2. Director at Large
3. Co-secretary (to share the Secretary position with Susan Thorne)

If anyone is interested or would like more information please contact the Past-president and Chair of the Nominations Committee Alan Burger aburger@uvic.ca or Ph: 250-378-2468.

Interesting Videos

[Walking Through Words in British Columbia](#)

[Bird Cams: Best Of 2020](#)

[How Do Birds "Fall in Love"? A Look at Courtship Displays](#)

[Jump-start Your Birding-by-Ear Skills](#)

[Did you know? Crows are known to hold "funerals."](#)

[Paul Sokoloff | Arctic Biodiversity](#)

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