



Upcoming Events

Club Support Grants

While you are out doing your Christmas Bird Counts with fellow members and chatting about all the good things your club will be doing in 2021, don't forget to have your club submit their application for the Club Support Grant. The Club Support grant funds are supported by the BC Naturalists Foundation. [Read and download](#) your application today.

BCnature Spring Magazine Deadline

Do you have a good idea for an article? Please submit your article or advertising to the Editorial Team c/o the [office](#) by February 1, 2021

Resolution Submissions

Deadline for Resolution submissions is February 28, 2021. Please view past submissions [here](#)

BC Nature Photo Contest

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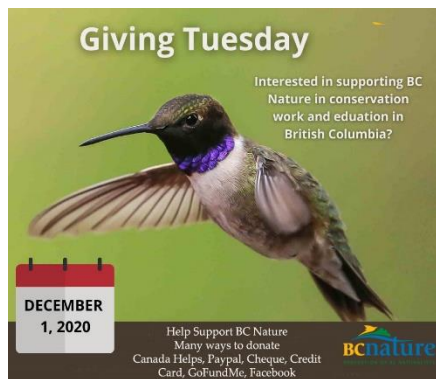


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If you have notified us or your club that you do not wish to receive the BCnature magazine via Canada Post, you should have received your notification last month that the electronic copy is now available. All Canada Post copies were mailed more than two weeks ago. If you have not received your mail copy yet, please have patience as we understand that Canada Post is very much backed up in their sorting and mailing process. If you would like to stop receiving your magazine via Canada Post and receive it electronically, please [email](#)

Giving Tuesday still in effect!



There are many ways to donate to BC Nature (Federation of British Columbia Naturalists) this month. Our annual donations appeal was kicked off in October in our [Fall magazine](#)

Giving Tuesday, December 1, 2020 is the annual kick-off to celebrate the month of giving to non-profits such as ourselves. We rely on your generosity to continue with our programs, funding of projects, ensuring we have continued funds to grow staff from 1.5 to 2 people. All of this takes your generosity to

bolster our efforts for growth. Please entertain giving to BC Nature this year. Thank you to those that have already generously donated this year, we are very appreciative of your annual donations!

To make it easy to donate please see the links below:

Paypal - you can donate via credit card, Visa Debit, or your PayPal Account - [Link](#)

Canada Helps - you can donate via credit card or PayPal Account - [Link](#)

[GoFundMe](#)

Mail a cheque to: BC Nature - 1620 Mt. Seymour Rd., North Vancouver, BC V7G 2R9

The movement to save old-growth rainforests

Govt must act quickly to keep old-growth promises.

Because of you, Premier John Horgan has made some big promises on old-growth forests. Now our task is to make sure he keeps them. [Take action now!](#)

In September, the government released an independent report on old-growth in BC, classifying old-growth logging as unsustainable. It called for a paradigm shift in the way forests are managed. Government made some temporary logging deferrals and a vague commitment to “a new direction for old-forests.”

But during the election campaign, thousands of citizens raised their voices and Indigenous groups called for the report’s recommendations to be implemented. An active blockade at Fairy Creek in the premier’s own riding stretched into its third month — the longest blockade to protect old-growth in BC in several decades. Old-growth was an election issue for the first time in a long-time.

Horgan pledged to implement the old-growth report “[in its totality](#)” and the party

stated that old-growth is [irreplaceable and will be protected](#).

But old-growth forests are still being cut down today. More will be logged tomorrow. So little of the most productive, valley bottom old-growth forests with the biggest trees remain that it could all be destroyed if the NDP doesn't move fast enough. That's where you come in. [Take action now!](#)

Many of you have sent emails, made calls and taken other actions in the past – that's what motivated the premier to make his promises. But now, our suite of actions have been updated to reflect the old-growth report and the government's election promises, and are all suited to the new normal of COVID-19 restrictions.

As the government steers the province through this pandemic, it will have a lot of priorities. It's up to us to make sure that keeping its promise to finally protect old-growth forests is one of them.

Great Backyard Bird Count February 12 - 15, 2021



From Birds Canada

Thanks for all you do to raise awareness and appreciation of the world around us. Not only have birds kept us entertained during this world-wide pandemic, but they have also made us feel happier and less stressed. We think your members will enjoy the upcoming Great Backyard Bird Count in February. Not only does it provide a break from daily worries, it is a fantastic opportunity for your members to contribute to Citizen Science, no matter where they are - from the safety of their own home or favourite birding location.

The Great Backyard Bird Count is a 4 day annual event that provides a snap shot of where birds are around the world. It is taking place Feb 12-15, 2021. Last year there were **6,942** species recorded and **268,674** checklists submitted!

We ask people to count birds for at least 15 minutes on one or more days of the count and enter their sightings at [BirdCount.org](https://www.birdcount.org). The information gathered by tens of thousands of volunteers helps track changes in bird populations on a massive scale. Birds Canada is proud to be a partner in the Great Backyard Bird Count, along with the [Cornell Lab of Ornithology](#) and the [National Audubon Society](#).

Here is a link to the [instructions](https://www.birdcount.org/learn/annual-results/) and to last year's results <https://www.birdcount.org/learn/annual-results/>

We're pleased to announce that we have a New Look for the Great Backyard Bird Count website. This year we've redesigned our webpages to help you quickly find resources to make your count a success!

Please share the information with your group and with anyone else who may enjoy participating.

Best wishes for the holiday season and Happy New Year!

The second volume of *Seabird Colonies of British Columbia* is now available for purchase.



The second volume of *Seabird Colonies of British Columbia* is now available for purchase. Like the first volume published in 2018, *Seabird Colonies of British Columbia: A Century of Changes*, this second volume should be of interest to BC Nature members. It will be an essential reference for government and consulting biologists involved in proposals and projects in the marine environment, and should also appeal to anyone interested in the natural history of the BC coast. Copies of both volumes are available at: <http://www.wildlifebc.org/>.

Authors Michael Rodway, Wayne Campbell, and Moira Lemon have just published the second of four volumes of an updated seabird catalogue for BC. This 480-page volume, "Seabird Colonies of British Columbia: Haida Gwaii", presents the status and historical changes of seabird breeding populations at all known colonies in Haida Gwaii. All available data have been compiled to provide a history of visits and known changes at each colony site where seabirds have been known to nest in the Haida Gwaii archipelago. Data sources include memories of the Haida people, reports from early geological and anthropological expeditions, and information gathered by numerous institutions, independent observers, graduate students, and wildlife consultants. Introductory sections describe persons and institutions that have contributed to our knowledge of seabird breeding populations in the area. There is also a review of previous impacts and current threats to nesting populations, including those from human disturbance, commercial and recreational fishing, and native and non-native predators. Of great conservation concern for the seabirds of this archipelago is the continued spread of introduced rats and raccoons to the colony islands.

The book goes far beyond what is typically included in such a scientific document. Though it will be an important reference for anyone involved in seabird research or management in BC, it will also appeal to a wider audience interested in the natural history of the northern BC coast or in the exploits of those who have conducted surveys on the remote islands of Haida Gwaii where seabirds nest. The volume begins with a 10-page tribute to Rudi Drent, whose enthusiasm and early concern for nesting seabirds in British Columbia inspired this present treatise. The text is profusely illustrated with over 600 photographs and drawings and includes many anecdotes that recount experiences of surveyors and relate interesting details about seabird natural history and conservation. Wildlife and landscape artist Mark Hobson has also donated images of his artwork that are included as colour plates. It is a unique work.

The book is entirely a volunteer effort. Its publication is supported by the non-profit Biodiversity Centre for Wildlife Studies located in Victoria. You can purchase copies or become a member through their website, <http://www.wildlifebc.org/>. The book is published as a dedicated volume of their biannual journal *Wildlife*

Afield and is included with a membership. Upcoming volumes 3 and 4 will also be published in Wildlife Afield: Volume 3 will present detailed histories of seabird populations nesting at BC colonies along the outer mainland and Vancouver Island coasts; Volume 4 concerns the seabird colonies in the BC portion of the Salish Sea.

BC Nature Photo Contest



The 2021 BC Nature Photo Contest is a celebration of the plants and animals, landscapes, and nature moments that show how naturalists of all ages spend their time outdoors. Whether you like to hike, bird watch, master your photography skills on all things nature, we encourage you to share.

It has not always been possible this past year to maintain normal activities so we welcome photos of nature from previous years.

Contest opens January 1, 2021. Deadline for submissions: Midnight March 15, 2021

Prizes will be awarded in the following six categories:

- BC Wildlife
- BC Botany, Landscape
- BC Naturalists in Action*
- BC Weird and Wonderful
- BC Youth 12-18, photographer
- BC Child 11 and under, photographer

BC Youth and Child photographers do not need to be members. We encourage all members to invite any youth and children they may know to participate.

By submitting your photos, you agree to allow BC Nature to publish your photos for editorial purposes. You acknowledge and agree that all submissions may be reproduced and published without notice or compensation in any electronic media and any printed material such as our magazines, social media and calendars.

[Photo Contest Page](#) There will be a link at the bottom of the page to upload your photographs.

Interesting Reads as Sent to BC Nature

[Fraser Delta in the International Spotlight](#)

[‘Walking Curriculum’ crafted by SFU professor surges in popularity](#)



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