

Nature's Voice

THE PERIODICAL NEWSLETTER FROM BCnature

TO KNOW NATURE AND TO KEEP IT WORTH KNOWING

Upcoming Events

BC Nature and HCTF Photo Contest

Enter today, enter often! Let your friends, children in your life, and neighbours know of this great contest. Submissions [LINK](#) now open!

Nature in the Rainshadow - BC Nature Conference and AGM. Hosted by Nicola Naturalist Society in Merritt BC.

Registration is open and the outings are filling up fast! Early bird rates are in effect until March 21, 2025. If you are using the paper version you rec'd in the mail in the Winter 2024 *BCnature* edition, please make sure you check the updated schedule prior to filling in your registration. Any changes and outings that are full are listed on the online registration form.

[LINK HERE](#)

BC Naturalists' Foundation and BC Nature funded Club Support Grants

Fillable .pdf submission forms available here: [LINK](#)

Resolutions Submissions

Part of BC Nature's mission is to conserve nature. Naturalist and nature clubs often identify conservation problems in different areas of the province that need to be addressed at different levels of government. The voice of more than 6800 members behind your resolution is a very mighty tool. Submit your resolution by February 28, 2025 [LINK HERE](#)

BC Nature Naturalists Awards

Every year, BC Nature encourages clubs to nominate a worthy volunteer from their club for recognition of their efforts in conservation, education, and club service. [LINK HERE](#) for guidelines, list of awards, and previous award winners.

New working group: Wind Power in British Columbia

BC Hydro recently approved nine new wind projects that will increase the province's electricity supply by 8%. The projects are expected to generate nearly 5,000 gigawatt hours of electricity per year, enough to power 500,000 homes. The projects are expected to be completed by 2031. At the same time, B.C. Energy Minister Adrian Dix says all future wind projects in the province will be exempt from environmental assessment while "ensuring that First Nations' interests and environmental mitigation are protected and maintained."

BC Nature has concerns about the environmental assessment exemptions, the placement of wind farms, and the mortality to birds and bats that accompany their operation. We are looking for members to form a working group to examine pros, cons and mitigation for wind farms planned for British Columbia.

The work entails doing research and bringing facts to the group for compilation. There is so much information available on line and in print that it is too much for any one person, and so we would like to spread the load.

The final report of the working group will factually address the issues and make recommendations to BC Hydro and the provincial government.

Please email: [Ron Long](#) or 604 469-1651

The latest tips on Charting a Course for Tomorrow: *Thoughts on how to energize your club*



This time our idea is: Get your name out there.

There are numerous ways that you can get your group's name into the media, be it online, print or whatever. Here's a couple to think about:

If your club participates in the Christmas Bird Count, Swan and Eagle Count, a bioblitz, etc. have someone write up a story — before or after the event — and send it to your local newspaper, online news media, or radio station. Be sure to include your contact info, along with an invitation for people to contact your club. Here is a great example: From Castanet: [Bird count for kids a success](#) South Okanagan Naturalists' Club (Photo A. Bodden)

A second idea: If your group looks after a trail of bluebird nesting boxes, put a tag or sign on each box with your club's contact info. A QR code is a good thing to include.

Always make sure people know that you welcome them to check you out and to get involved.

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

Let the Herring Live



From the Herring Conservation Society: You are invited to the second **HELIT TFE SŁON,ET (Let the Herring Live) Forum** on February 13, 2025 at the Gathering Strength Community Facility in Saanichton, BC. [LINK HERE](#) for further information

To RSVP, send an email to info@savetheherring.org before February 7, 2024.

Interesting Reads as Sent to BC Nature

[A Shocking Story About Sandpipers \(Video\)](#)

Video: A Shocking Story about Sandpipers

[Decolonizing Bird Knowledge with Creators Garden \(Video\)](#)

This is a special recording on Indigenous bird knowledge and the first time this knowledge has been shared with Western Canadian audiences. The Wild Bird Trust is proud to be a leader on these topics in North America. Each month we feature a Learning Circle, and this month we hosted a captivating presentation by Creators Garden speakers Joseph Pitawanakwat, Andrés Jiménez Monge and Junaid Shahzad Khan from Ontario.

[A tithe for nature - How can we help hummingbirds this fall and throughout the coming year? Rocky Point Bird Observatory](#)

A Tithe For Nature

[Preview YouTube video A Shocking Story About Sandpipers \(Salish Sea Wild\)](#)



[Preview YouTube video Learning Circle #2: Decolonizing Bird Knowledge with Creators Garden](#)





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