

**BC Nature Conference and Fall General Meeting**  
**September 21 - 24, 2017**  
**“Lake, Grasslands and Forests”**  
 Hosted by North Okanagan Naturalists’ Club (NONC), Vernon

**Thursday, September 21**

- 1:30 – 3:30 pm BC Nature Executive Meeting ..... Monashee Room  
 4:00 – 6:00 pm Club Directors’ Meeting – light dinner provided ..... Monashee Room  
 4:00 – 7:30 pm Registration – Hotel Lobby with coffee, tea and mini-muffins  
**Dinner on your own**  
 7:30 – 9:00 pm “The Impact of Ranching on Our Grasslands” by Ken Mather .....Sierra Room  
 Coffee, tea and cookies served following speaker

**Friday, September 22**

- 6:00 – 8:00 am Early Morning Birding (pre-registration required) ..... Meet leaders in hotel parking lot  
 7:30 – 9:00 am Registration - Hotel Lobby with coffee, tea and mini-muffins  
**Breakfast on your own**  
 9:00 – 9:15 am Welcome by NONC President, Harold Sellers & Okanagan Indian Band Elder, Mollie Bono  
 9:15 – 10:00 am “Pining for Home: Is Assisted Migration ‘Playing God’?” by Dr. Greg O’Neill ..... Sierra Room  
 10:00 – 10:30 am Coffee, tea and baked goods will be served ..... Sierra Room  
 10:30 – 11:15 am “Watershed Protection in a Dry Climate” by Jennifer Miles & Renee Clarke ..... Sierra I  
 “Crossing Home Ground: A Grassland Odyssey” by David Pitt-Brooke ..... Sierra II  
 11:15 – noon “How Wetlands Will Secure the Quality of our Future” by Carrie Nadeau ..... Sierra I  
 “Shrimp Fishing and other Related Issues in our Lakes” by Jason Webster ..... Sierra II  
**Lunch on your own**  
 1:30 – 4:30 pm Field Trips (pre-registration required) ..... Meet leaders in hotel parking lot  
**Dinner on your own**  
 7:00 – 7:30 pm “Important Bird & Biodiversity Areas (IBA) Program” by Krista Kaptein..... Sierra Room  
 7:30 – 8:30 pm “Snakes in the Valley” by Mike Dunn ..... Sierra Room  
 Coffee, tea & cookies will be served following speakers

**Saturday, September 23**

- 6:00 – 8:00 am Early Morning Birding (pre-registration required) ..... Meet leaders in hotel parking lot  
 7:30 - 8:30 am Registration - Hotel Lobby with coffee, tea and mini-muffins  
**Breakfast on your own**  
 9:00 - noon Field Trips (pre-registration required) ..... Meet leaders in hotel parking lot  
 Noon **Soup & Sandwich Buffet Lunch will be provided**  
 1:30 – 4:00 pm BC Nature Fall General Meeting, Chair Alan Burger..... Sierra Room  
 “BC Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation” by Brian Springinotic  
 Coffee, tea & cookies will be served  
**Free Time**  
 6:00 – 10:00 pm Banquet (pre-registration required) - “The Impact of Climate Change in the Okanagan” by Scott Smith, Guest Speaker; Silent Auction Winners, Awards, Closing Remarks  
**No Host Bar throughout evening, Silent Auction (cash or cheques only)**

**Sunday, September 24 – Travel Home Safely**

- For delegates who would like to stay a bit longer and enjoy the area, two field trips have been arranged  
 9:00 am - noon Field Trips (pre-registration required) ..... Meet leaders in hotel parking lot

**For Your Information**

<b>Venue</b> - Village Green Hotel, 4801 27 Street. Vernon <a href="http://www.villagegreenhotel.com/">http://www.villagegreenhotel.com/</a>
Meeting rooms: <u>Sierra Room</u> (Sierra I / II combined) <u>Sierra I</u> or <u>Sierra II</u> for smaller venue
<b>Accommodation</b> – block booking rate of \$89 plus taxes at Village Green Hotel; for more hotels check <a href="http://www.nonc.ca">www.nonc.ca</a>
<b>Early Morning Birding:</b> <u>Friday am</u> - Swan Lake or Kalamalka Lake <u>Saturday am</u> - Swan Lake or Okanagan Lake
<b>Field Trips</b> - meet leaders in hotel parking lot
<u>Friday &amp; Saturday:</u> Allan Brooks Nature Centre, Bishop Wild Bird Sanctuary, Grey Canal, Kalamalka Provincial Park, Middleton Mountain Park, Predator Ridge Resort Trails, Swan Lake Bird Sanctuary
<u>Friday only:</u> Kalamalka Forestry Centre <u>Saturday only:</u> Aberdeen Wetlands <u>Sunday only:</u> Rimrocks & Rail Trail
<b>Please check NONC website for field trip descriptions</b> <a href="http://www.nonc.ca">www.nonc.ca</a>