

BC NATURE CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 10-13, 2018

“PROMOTING HEALTH IN NATURE: PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE”

Hosted by Nature Vancouver (Vancouver Natural History Society)

Meetings & Speakers at UBC Forest Sciences Centre; Field trips meet at the Reconciliation Pole

Accommodation at nearby Orchard Commons Student Residence

PROGRAM details available at www.event.naturevancouver.ca

THURSDAY MAY 10, 2018

1:15 pm Museum of Vancouver “Behind-the-Scenes” Curator-led Tour (pre-register \$). Meet at entrance
1:30pm Beaty Biodiversity Museum “Behind-the-Scenes” Curator-led Tour (pre-register \$). Meet at entrance
2:00 - 3:30 pm BC Nature Executive Meeting
3:00pm Orchard Commons Accommodation: Check-in begins
4:00 - 6:00 pm Club Directors’ Meeting
3:30 - 9:00 pm Registration table available

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

6:30 - 9:00 pm Reception: Welcome & Speakers: Bill Kinkaid, Nature Vancouver President,
Rob Butler: “*The Role of Naturalists to Reconnecting with Nature*”

FRIDAY MAY 11, 2018

6:00 am Early Morning Birding (pre-registration required)
7:30 am Registration Opens: coffee, tea, snacks
8:30 am Conference Welcome Plenary: Musqueam Welcome, announcements
8:45 am UBC Faculty of Forestry Dean John Innes “*The Future of British Columbia’s Forests*”
9:30 am - 10:15 am **Concurrent Speakers**
Speaker #1 - Cecil Konijnendijk, UBC Urban Forestry: “*The Healthy Forest: How Urban Forests Contribute to our Health, Wellbeing and Creativity*”
or Speaker #2 - Sandie Hollick-Kenyon, Dept of Fisheries & Oceans: “*Spanish Bank & Salish Creek Stories*”

COFFEE BREAK

10:15 am **Concurrent Speakers**
10:45 am - 11:30 am Speaker #1 - Eric B. (Rick) Taylor, Director, Beaty Biodiversity Museum & Chair of COSEWIC: “*Making Real Progress on Species at Risk in Canada - a Sisyphian Task*”
or Speaker #2 - Wendy DaDalt, Metro Vancouver Regional Parks: “*People, Parks & Nature*”

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

11:30 - 12:30 pm Afternoon field trips (preregistration required) or
12:30 - 2:45 pm Afternoon Forestry Labs tour or Marine Biology Lab tour (preregistration required)

SNACK, SOCIAL BREAK

2:45 pm **Concurrent Speakers**
3:15 - 3:50 pm Speaker #1 - Egan Davis, UBC Botanical Garden: “*Refining the Values Associated with Horticulture and Gardening to Embrace Ecological Principles in Urban Green Spaces*”
or Speaker #2 - Brian Klinkenberg, UBC Geography: “*Focus on Citizen Science, E-Flora & E-Fauna*”
4:00 - 5:00 pm Meetings: BC Naturalists’ Foundation, BC Nature Education & Conservation Committees
5:30 pm UBC Botanical Garden Reception Centre: Social Hour (no host bar) followed by Buffet dinner
7:45 pm Speaker: David Brownstein, Historian: “*Vancouver Natural History Society: 100 Years of Nature Study, Conservation & Exploration*”

SATURDAY MAY 12, 2018

6:00 am Early Morning Birding (pre-registration required)
8:15 am Registration Opens: coffee, tea, snacks
9:00 am - 12:00 noon Field Trips (pre-registration required) or
9:00 am - 12:00 noon Five speaker series: Krista Kaptein (Important Bird Areas), James Casey (Bird Studies Canada), Jill Sturdy (Nature Canada), NatureKids, Nick Page (Vancouver Park Board)
12:00 Noon - 1:30 pm **LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**
1:30 pm - 4:00 pm BC Nature Annual General Meeting
1:30 pm - 4:00 pm NatureKids BC Annual General Meeting
2:30 pm **SNACK, SOCIAL BREAK**
5:30 pm Musqueam Cultural Centre: Social Hour (no host bar) followed by Banquet
7:30 pm Musqueam Cultural Centre: Raffle Draw & Award Presentations, followed by Musqueam presentation

SUNDAY MAY 13, 2018

Various meeting times Farewell Field Trips - (pre-registration required, see website for meeting locations): Stanley Park Intertidal Beach Walk, Maplewood Conservation Area & Bird Watching, Reifel Migratory Bird Sanctuary, North Shore Strenuous Hike, or Museum of Vancouver “Behind-the-Scenes” Curator-led Tour (\$) or enjoy self-guided explorations on campus such as Beaty Museum, Nitobe Gardens, Museum of Anthropology
11:00 am Orchard Commons checkout time: 11:00 am or extend your stay a few days (same rate)

Reasonably priced accommodation has been arranged in the new Orchard Commons student residence, one short block away from the Forest Sciences Centre. Photos of the accommodation are available on our website www.events.naturevancouver.ca where you will find information and the link to make your reservation through UBC Conferences.

Locals! Don’t plan on driving back and forth; instead enjoy the entire weekend in Vancouver’s most western neighbourhood - the UBC Campus - a quiet all-inclusive world of its own.

Questions? registrar@event.naturevancouver.ca or phone Helen Aqua: 604.787-4883 or Bev Ramey: 604.224-7689