



Wild licorice (pictured) is one of 42 native species planted to attract pollinators like this Melissa blue butterfly. Photo: V. Huff

Native species planted to entice pollinators

At Bummers Flats, near Fort Steele in the East Kootenay, a project with FWCP funding is addressing two issues of conservation concern: 1) controlling invasive plants, and 2) supporting declining pollinators. The project is led by KinSeed Ecologies, in partnership with the Province of B.C., and The Nature Trust of B.C. [Read more](#) COL-F22-W-3492.



Samara Kolasko, will join nine board members representing the Province, BC Hydro, First Nations, and other public representatives who are responsible for approving annual budgets and operating plans.

New public representative for our Columbia Region board

Meet Samara Kolasko, the new public representative on our FWCP Columbia Region board. Samara is a



Floating platforms, like this one installed in the North Columbia in 2016 by Kingbird Biological Consultants, continue to be used by common loons for breeding. Photo: M. Kellner

Floating loon platforms performing well after seven years

Three floating nest platforms for common loons in the North Columbia have recently been monitored and maintained by Yucwmenlúcwu (Splatstin Caretakers of the Land LLP). All are in good condition and covered with vegetation. More importantly, two of the three were used for nesting habitat during the last breeding season. [Read more](#) COL-F22-W-3579-DCA



Learn about work completed to increase the toad survival and about all the other species calling the area home. Photos: B. Houston/FWCP

Toadfest is back in August: you are invited

We look forward to welcoming you back to [Toadfest](#) at Summit Lake Provincial Park, near Nakusp:

Wednesday, August 17, from 4 - 7 p.m. PT

Thursday, August 18, from 9 a.m. - noon PT

It's a fun, free event! Bring the family and learn more about western toads and other species that call the region home.

- See the live aquatic insects, reptiles, and amphibians on display
 - Enjoy kids' activities
 - View interactive displays on local wildlife and plants
 - And, if toadlets are present, help them across the road!
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Free 2.5-day wetland fencing workshop: sign up today!

Interested in learning about wetland plants and animals, soil sampling, and obtaining fencing stewardship skills? If so, this free workshop is for you!

- When: **Friday, July 22 to Sunday, July 24, 2022**

- Where: **Canal Flats**

This workshop will focus on exclusion fencing for wetlands to reduce the impacts from cattle. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to become a conservation steward in your community!

Hosted by the B.C. Wildlife Federation's Wetland Education Program.

Note: **deadline for registration is midnight, Sunday, July 17.** [Register here.](#)

Meadow Creek Spawning Channel Open House: save the date



Meadow Creek Spawning Channel Open House is back this September. View the spawning kokanee, talk to biologists, learn about the Nutrient Restoration Program in Kootenay Lake, and about co-existing with grizzly bears.

When: **Saturday, September 10, 2022, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Where: **Meadow Creek, North end of Kootenay Lake**

Hosted by the FWCP and the Ministry of Forests.

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