



Victoria Natural History Society Monthly Meetings (September to April)

Natural History Presentations:

2nd Tues., 7:30 pm, Fraser 159, University of Victoria

Botany Night:

3rd Tues., 7:30 pm, Swan Lake Nature Centre

Birders' Night:

4th Wed., 7:30 pm, Fraser 159, University of Victoria

Marine Night:

last Mon., 7:30 pm, Fraser 159, University of Victoria

The Victoria Natural History Society Library, including back issues of *The Naturalist*, is housed at Swan Lake Nature Centre.



Conservation related websites:

VNHS: www.vicnhs.bc.ca

Habitat Acquisition Trust: www.hat.bc.ca

Conservation Connection:

www.conservationconnection.bc.ca

Fed. of BC Naturalists: www.naturalists.bc.ca



Natural History school program opportunities:

CRD Parks: www.crd.bc.ca/parks

Goldstream Nature House/BC Parks:

www.goldstreamnaturehouse.com

Marine Ecology Centre, Sidney

www.mareco.org

SeaChange Marine Conservation Society

www.seachangelife.net

Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary:

www.swanlake.bc.ca



The Victoria Natural History Society formed in 1944, and currently has approximately 750 members. Members have developed their interest in natural history in a wide variety of ways and range from professional biologists to students. The Victoria Natural History Society provides an opportunity for those interested in the natural world to come together to share their ideas and experience. We are registered as a non-profit society and charitable organization. The primary objectives of the Society are:

- To stimulate active interest in natural history.
- To study and protect flora and fauna and their habitats.
- To work with other societies and like bodies having interests in common with this Society.

Connecting Children with Nature:

**Free Programs,
Free Field Trip Co-Leaders,
and Free Resource People for
Greater Victoria Schools.**

September to June



**Volunteer guest naturalists
offered by:**



What is the Victoria Natural History Society?

The Victoria Natural History Society has been an active, completely volunteer-run organization in our region for more than sixty years; involved in literally hundreds of different projects whose goals have been to further natural history knowledge, preserve regional habitats, and to encourage other organizations and individuals to do the same.

What are we trying to accomplish?

The Victoria Natural History Society is excited to be launching a renewed effort to involve schoolchildren in activities and events that expose them to the incredible diversity of the natural world. Our goal is to instill a sense of wonder and a respect for nature through outdoor experiences with living organisms. This effort will involve volunteer naturalists, students, teachers, and our regional parks and greenspaces.

We would like to provide nature-themed educational opportunities to schoolchildren in our region at no cost to them or their school. Because we have a wealth of natural history knowledge contained within the membership of our Society, members have agreed to volunteer their time and be available (free of charge) to interested teachers in a variety of ways. They could be a phone call away with information a teacher may need, come to the classroom and give a slideshow, or help with leading a field trip.



Field Trip Co-leaders

Going on a field trip? We have more than 40 volunteers willing to accompany your group and offer assistance with identification. These adventures can take place on your school grounds, at a nearby greenspace, or a local protected area. With a naturalist along, you'll see how easy it is for you and your class to experience nature. We may send out several volunteers in order to keep adult/student ratios low. Just telephone the office of Habitat Acquisition Trust and leave your name and telephone number where you can be reached— at school and in the evening— and say where and when you want to go. Alternatively, you can fill out a form on our website (see below for address).

Habitat Acquisition Trust office
250-995-2428
or
www.vicnhs.bc.ca

Possible Topics For Your Field Trip:

Aquatic Biology
Bears
Birds
Biology
Butterflies
Conservation
Ecology
First Nations
Forestry
Gardening
Geography
Geology
Insects
Intertidal Life
Marine Biology
Native Plants
Trees
West Nile Virus



In Class Presentations

Some members of our society are interested in going into classrooms and providing natural-history themed programs schoolchildren. If you are interested in having one of these people speak in your classroom please get in touch with them directly

Name	Phone #	Topic/ Area of Interest
Andy Stewart	250 477-1328	Cooper's Hawks
Tony Hamilton	250 475-6748	Bears



Resource People

These people want to offer their services as resource people on a variety of topics. They would be happy to answer your questions, and are only a phone call away.

Name	Phone #	Topic/ Area of Interest
Cam and Joy Finlay	250 479-9833	Birds, Native Plants, Nature Study
Claudia Copley	250 952-0696	Insects