



Above left: Mock Orange, BC's native hydrangea, G. Scott

Centre: likely Brown Creeper nest and eggs at Osland Reserve, G. Scott

Above right: Swallowtail, S. Harrington

Top right: Violet-green Swallows feeding, S. Lieutaghi



Above left: Mosses and lichens are distinctive elements of many plant communities on Lasqueti Island, especially on rocky knolls and in open forests. *Polytrichum* "haircap" mosses and *Cladonia* lichens are common. K. Lertzman

Centre top: Bluebells-of-Scotland *Campanula rotundifolia*, *Centre bottom:* Nodding Onion and Stonecrop T. Theiss

Above right top: Candystick (aka sugarstick), *Allotropia virgata*, growing up to about 15 inches tall. It gets the name because of its resemblance to a piece of peppermint stick candy, with red stripes twisting up the pure white stalk. This plant taps into a fungus that is also attached to the roots of a host plant. G. Scott

Lower right: Ghost plant *Monotropa uniflora* is a flowering plant that feeds on the mycorrhizal fungi of trees, usually found in dense forests. S. Harrington

Resources, Events, News

Ever wonder how to tell a raven from a crow?

Here's a *great article* by Kaeli Swift on how to tell them apart.

It turns out that what we know as the Northwestern Crow hybridizes broadly with its sister species the American Crow and most of what we see are those hybrids. They are probably essentially the same species. *Reference here.*

The graphic to the right, by Rosemary Mosco (www.birdandmoon.com), is a handy reference too.



Photos left: there is only a small area of old growth forest on Lasqueti (more than 500 years) located in the centre of the island. G. Scott Cedars dropped numerous cones this year. Like the arbutus blossoms and fir cones, nature seems to be preparing for tougher times ahead. S. Harrington



Virtual Events put on by Georgia Strait Alliance

Thursday, July 9 (1:30pm) – Exploring the Intertidal, with Yuko Lin from Seaquaria Ocean Education.

Dip your toes into the exciting world of the intertidal! Find out more about the fun & fascinating creatures that call it home. Yuko Lin leads us on an exploration of the critters of the intertidal zone! We will be taking a peek behind the scenes with Seaquaria Ocean Education to get up close and personal with some of the intertidal animals that live in their aquariums. Register here

Friday, July 10 (1:30pm) – Wild about Whales with Amy Rowley from the BC Cetacean Sightings Network. [Here](#)

LINC's Annual General Meeting: Sunday, August 16, (1:00 pm) Squitty Bay Park

News about protecting nature

There's a development planned in Qualicum that could take out an important wetland. Check out the Qualicum Nature Preservation Society's website, (qualicumconservation.ca) read about it and sign their petition.

A recent conservation acquisition has occurred in nearby Princess Louisa Inlet. Last summer, park supporters from British Columbia and around the world raised over \$3 million in three months to help protect Princess Louisa Inlet. In recent days, a fundraising goal of \$300,000 was reached to purchase the entrance point. Funds coming in over the next few weeks would help support the legal costs of registering this new acquisition! You can read more about this beautiful land on their *website*: (bcparksfoundation.ca)

How a salt marsh could be a secret weapon against sea level rise in B.C.'s Fraser delta

An often-underrated ecosystem supports millions of migratory birds, provides critical habitat for young salmon, absorbs carbon and plays an essential role in flood prevention. An ambitious project aims to draw on the power of the salt marsh, gradually raising its level to create a 'living dike' Stephanie Wood reports. (The Narwhal)