

## BLOMIDON NATURALISTS SOCIETY ACTIVITIES – 2021

Please see the following summary of BNS activities this past year. Thank you to all involved. Please note that this summary does not include the programs put on by Flying Squirrel Adventures.

### 2021 BY THE NUMBERS:

*Meetings:* All held online on Zoom. 10 board meetings, 9 monthly meetings, 1 AGM.

*Field trips:* 11 field trips, held in person. 3 cancelled trips.

*Webinars:* 6 webinars held online on Zoom.

*Workshops:* 2 workshops/courses held in person. 2 cancelled workshops.

*Debates:* 1 political debate on the environment, hosted on Zoom.



### MEETINGS:

#### Monthly Meetings & Presentations:

December 14	<b>Wolfville Climate Change Mitigation</b>	Omar Bhimji
January 18th	<b>Frost Fish Month (Punamuiku)</b>	Alanna Syliboy
February 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Invasive Species</b>	Kristen Noel
March 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Climate Change – A 50 Year Retrospective</b>	Dr. Tom Herman
April 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Wildlife Disease and Climate Change</b>	Dr. Laura Bourque, and Megan Jones
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Medway Community Forest Co-op</b>	Mary Jane Rodger
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Milne Ice Shelf Break-Up of 2020: Rapid Environmental Change in the Canadian High Arctic</b>	Derek Mueller
September 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Awakening the Sleeping Giant: Re-Indigenization Principles for Transforming Biodiversity Conservation</b>	Elder Albert Marshall, Lisa Young and Dr. Karen Beazley
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Diverse Bees of Nova Scotia</b>	Dr. Dave McCorquodale and Dr. Alana Pindar
November 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Annual General Meetings &amp; Slide Presentation</b>	Board & Richard Stern

Board Meetings:

January 13<sup>th</sup>, February 10<sup>th</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup>, April 14<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup>, June 16<sup>th</sup>, September 15<sup>th</sup>, October 13<sup>th</sup>, November 9<sup>th</sup>, (December 8<sup>th</sup>)

FIELD TRIPS

January 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Winter on Snowshoes, Gaspereau Valley</b>	Soren Bondrup-Nielsen
January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Winter on Snowshoes, Gaspereau Valley</b>	Soren Bondrup-Nielsen
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Exploring the Life of a Beaver, Lorax Woodlands</b>	Carolyn Green
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Surveying, Kentville Ravine</b>	Soren Bondrup-Nielsen
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Early Valley Birding</b>	Pat Kelly
April 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Highway Clean-Up</b>	Howard Williams
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Monarch Open House, Brooklyn Corner</b>	Larry and Alison Bogan
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Butterflyway Project: Tour of an Urban Pollinator Garden, Wolfville</b>	Carole Donaldson
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Butterflyway Project: Tour of a Country Pollinator Garden, Black River</b>	Carolyn Green
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Forest in the Fall, Ross Creek Centre for the Arts</b>	Soren Bondrup-Nielsen
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Preparing for Winter, Millennium Trail</b>	Soren Bondrup-Nielsen

*Unfortunately, three field trips were planned and then cancelled (Spring Flowers and Birds at Ross Creek, May 29<sup>th</sup>; Shorebird Migration, August 21<sup>st</sup>; Fall Colours, October 9<sup>th</sup>).*

WEBINARS

February 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>The Science Behind Climate Change</b>	Dr. Rob Raeside and Dr. Ian Spooner
March 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>How to Survey for Hemlock Woolly Adelgid</b>	Soren Bondrup-Nielsen
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Conserving Biodiversity in Kespukwitk through Bioacoustics</b>	Dr. John Kearney
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dog Strangling Vine Community Project</b>	Cole Vail
June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Presentation on Kentville Ravine (Elderkin Brook)</b>	Ken Harrison
September 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Introduction to Biodiversity</b>	Soren Bondrup-Nielsen

## WORKSHOPS

July 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Wildflower Identification, Ross Creek Centre for the Arts</b>	Alain Belliveau
September 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Fun with Fungi, Ross Creek Centre for the Arts</b>	Dr. Allison Walker and Dr. Keith Egger

*Unfortunately, 2 workshop courses to be held at Ross Creek Centre for the Arts were cancelled this year (Beginner Birdwatching, May 22<sup>nd</sup>; Forest Ecology; June 5<sup>th</sup>).*

## DEBATES

The BNS hosted a virtual debate prior to the federal election to discuss environmental policy:

September 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Virtual Debate on the Environment: Kings-Hants Candidates</b>	Moderated by Soren Bondrup-Nielsen
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