



## Welcome Autumn



As always, Summer went by in a blink of an eye. Thanks to all who came out to meet us in the community to learn who we are and what we do, and to our volunteers who rolled up their sleeves and helped us remove invasive species from around Burnaby Lake Regional Park. Did you know, Autumn is a great time to visit the park and continue learning about Nature? Many birds stop by to rest and refuel on their migration south - be sure to drop by Piper Spit often. Read on to find out how you can learn more about Burnaby's Urban Salmon, its watersheds and World Rivers Day. Also, salmon returning to spawn should start appearing at Cariboo Dam around Thanksgiving. Join us at another joint EcoBlitz-TD Tree Days event on October 20. Register your budding birder for the Christmas Bird Count for Kids and mark your calendars for our Open House! As always, we welcome your ideas and feedback. See you in the Park! - Irene Lau, Chair - BLPA Board of Directors

## Get to Know the BLPA's Community

Since 2019 is [International Year of the Salmon](#), we would like to introduce to you to a key member of the Burnaby Lake Community who have advocated for our ecosystem which includes the Brunette River, beginning at Cariboo Dam. The Brunette faced major pollution from increasing industrialisation from the 1920's, making it uninhabitable for salmon and other species. Members of another like-minded group, the [Sapperton Fish and Game Club](#) (formed 1962) began the Brunette River Restoration Project with a goal to return it to the good fishing days of their memories. Since 1969 until the present, this work has included physical cleanup of river, improving water quality, building fish ways, and releasing salmon fry into the river from the Club's own hatchery which they built and have operated since 1997. Their reward came in October 1984 as the first Coho Salmon swirled and jumped in the restored river system after a 30 year absence. To see a brief video which shows the history of the cleanup, visit [burnabylakepark.ca/about/history](http://burnabylakepark.ca/about/history).

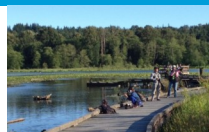


Elmer Rudolph, President, Sapperton Fish & Game Club at Cariboo Dam. *New Westminster Record*, January 12, 2012.



*The Sun*, December 13, 1984.

# Piper Spit Bird Count



Have you heard about the [Pacific Flyway](#)? It is a major north-south migration path for migratory birds, extending from Alaska to Patagonia.

Burnaby Lake is on this path which results in a great diversity of birds that can be seen here.

This year, the Metro Vancouver Regional Park Interpreters have held a monthly bird count at Piper Spit on the first Tuesday of each month. Whether you're just getting to know the birds in your backyard or are on the lookout for rarities, grab your binoculars and join a park interpreter to watch the seasonal changes of birds at Burnaby Lake.

**Next meetups:** September 10, October 8, November 12. 9:00-11:00am. Meet in front of the Nature House or on Piper Spit. Free. Ages 15+

## Science Literacy Week at BPL

From September 16 – 22, [Burnaby Public Library](#) will feature a variety of free and fun events promoting science literacy for all ages. Programs, workshops, and movie showings will reflect this year's national Science Literacy Week theme: Oceans! [2019 is also the International Year of the Salmon!](#)



SCIENCE  
LITERACY  
WEEK

Two events highlight the watersheds that Burnaby Lake is part of. Register [online](#), at any branch or call local branch.



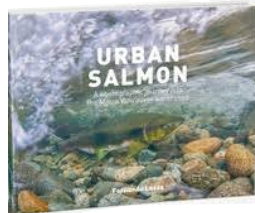
INTERNATIONAL  
YEAR OF THE SALMON

### Author Visit: Fernando Lessa—Urban Salmon

**Monday, September 16** - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Tommy Douglas (Edmonds), 7311 Kingsway 604-522-3971.

Meet photographer Fernando Lessa's and discover his beautiful underwater images of our [Urban Salmon](#) runs, including the Brunette River. Learn how we can maintain our waterways so salmon will continue to return to spawn.



### Burnaby Watersheds

**Thursday, September 19** - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Bob Prittie (Metrotown), 6100 Willingdon 604-435-5400.

Paul Cipywnyk will speak about Burnaby's watersheds, their historical development and today's salmon bearing streams. Paul will also discuss the work volunteer streamkeepers do on creeks and streams around the city, with a focus on Byrne Creek, which he has been a member of [Byrne Creek](#)

[Streamkeepers](#) for 20 years.



Burnaby Public Library  
[www.bpl.bc.ca](http://www.bpl.bc.ca)

# EcoBlitz - TD Tree Days 2019

The BLPA held its first EcoBlitz in 2014 and last year, we worked together with TD to present a **TD Trees Day Event**. It was resounding success with 500 native species planted by 100 volunteers.



We are happy to announce this year's **EcoBlitz-TD Tree Days** event will take place on **Sunday, October 20, 9:00 am-12:00 pm**. We will complete the restoration work at Lenson Field. Registration details will be posted on our website and social media soon or contact Ann at [info@burnabylakepark.ca](mailto:info@burnabylakepark.ca).



## BLPA History

To commemorate Burnaby's 125th anniversary in 2017, the City of Burnaby Community Heritage Commission conducted research projects which included the [preservation of Burnaby Lake](#) by community activists (us!) who worked to clean up and preserve its aquatic environment and biodiversity. This information was presented at the Burnaby Public Library in October 2017, the BLPA AGM in April 2018 and will now be on signs installed at Piper Spit this Autumn. Look out for them!

**PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT**  
**Saving Burnaby Lake**

**HUMAN INTERVENTION**  
Human intervention has disrupted the natural processes of Burnaby Lake. Since the 1970s, activists have been working hard to undo the damage.

**PRESERVATION AND ADVOCACY**  
Early members of Burnaby organized the lake's restoration work. In response, the municipality began addressing and repairing parts of a degraded park in the 1970s. However, by the late 1980s the lake had become contaminated and inaccessible to the public. A coalition of preservationists and advocates began working to restore the lake's health. The Burnaby Lake Heritage Association took a major role around the lake in the 1970s, helping to support for the lake area redesign in the creation of Burnaby Lake Regional Park in 1976.

**KEEPING IT NATURAL**  
Burnaby lake is a story of long centuries and vegetation. Without continued intervention, the lake will naturally become more shallow. Today's challenge is to slow the natural infilling process to maintain open space for the wildlife, and recreation.

**HERITAGE BURNABY** [www.cityofburnaby.ca/heritage](http://www.cityofburnaby.ca/heritage)



**BC Rivers Day and World Rivers Day** was founded by retired BCIT Instructor, **Mark Angelo**. This global event celebrates rivers in Canada and around the world. This year, 2019, will be the 15th anniversary of World Rivers Day and 39th annual Rivers Day in BC. Join the celebration on **Sunday, September 22, 11:00 am to 4:30 pm** at Burnaby Village. To find out more, [www.burnaby.ca/worldriversday](http://www.burnaby.ca/worldriversday)

# Holiday Traditions



Save **Sunday, December 1** in your calendar for some fun at the Burnaby Lake Nature House!

Do you know an aspiring birder? Sign them up for the annual [Christmas Bird Count for Kids](#).

**CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS!**  
**BIRD COUNT**

**TIME:** 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM      **AGES:** 8-14 years      **COST:** Free

This is a fun way to introduce kids to the wonders of birding. Learn basic birding skills like how to use binoculars and a field guide to identify as well as reporting findings during this winter bird count. Enjoy the BLPA Open House afterwards. Presented in conjunction with Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Interpreters. **Space is limited and registration is required.** Two easy ways to register: Online at [www.metrovancouveronline.org](http://www.metrovancouveronline.org) (use barcode **7860**) or call **604.432.6359**.

Join the BLPA for our [Annual Open House](#)!

**TIME:** 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM      **AGES:** All      **COST:** Free

Drop by the **Nature House** to enjoy crafts and complimentary refreshments or join a guided nature walk. A schedule of events will be posted on our website and social media closer to the date. We look forward to seeing you!



## Mark Your Calendars!



### SEPTEMBER:

- **8:** 1-4 pm, [Weedbusters](#) (Nature House)
- **18:** 7-9 pm, [BLPA Board Meeting](#) (CAO)

### OCTOBER:

- **17:** 7-9 pm, [BLPA Board Meeting](#) (CAO)
- **20:** 9 am-12 pm, [EcoBlitz-TD Tree Days](#) Lenson Field (APL)

### NOVEMBER:

- **20:** 7-9 pm, [BLPA Board Meeting](#) (CAO)

### DECEMBER:

- **1:** 9 am-12 pm, [Christmas Bird Count for Kids](#) (8-14 yrs, registration required)
- 11 am-2 pm, [Christmas Open House](#) (Nature House)

**CAO** = Central Area Office    **GTE** = Glencarin Trail Entrance    **APL** = Avalon Parking Lot    **GWS** = Glencarin Work Site

Keep an eye on our website or social media for event updates, or send volunteer inquiries to: [info@burnabylakepark.ca](mailto:info@burnabylakepark.ca). Event details and meeting locations as well as other outreach and event listings with our community partners can be found at: [burnabylakepark.ca/events](http://burnabylakepark.ca/events). If you are reading this online or on your computer, any text that appears [like this](#) is will link you to another location on the internet for more information.



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