

Plant Happenings – July 2021

Hopefully you all are having a wonderful summer and staying cool in this heat wave. If you have anything that you believe would be a great addition to Plant Happenings please feel free to email me details. I am also happy to announce plans for Botany Alberta 2021 have been updated at www.anpc.ab.ca and as next year is an anniversary year, we hope to have some details released this winter for next summer's trip.

Thanks,
Anna

UPCOMING COURSES, WORKSHOPS and EVENTS

Introduction to Invasive Plants in Eastern Ontario

June 22nd from 6:00-8:00pm EST

The Ontario Invasive Plant Council is pleased to offer this FREE workshop as a proud partner in the Early Detection & Rapid Response (EDRR) Network Ontario. The EDRR Network Ontario is a community action project that aims to train and equip volunteers with the skills and resources needed to better detect and reduce invasive species in Ontario, one community at a time. This year, the EDRR is focusing on the Kingston, Quinte, and Rideau catchment area of Eastern however, this workshop is open to anyone in Ontario interested in attending!

Join us for this two-hour workshop to gain the knowledge you need to start identifying and reporting invasive plants today! Attendees will be provided with a broad overview of invasive plants, their impacts and pathways of spread. You will be introduced to a number of current and emerging invasive plants, and gain an understanding of their individual biology and ID characteristics.

Botany Alberta 2021

Botany Alberta is a yearly weekend trip to a different natural area in Alberta put on by ANPC. This year we will be visiting Clyde Fen and Holmes Crossing / Assiniboine over the weekend of August 6th – 8th. Specific hikes, times and the most up to date information is available at www.anpc.ab.ca

If you are interested in more information about the trip or to RSVP please email Anna at Amozolik@gmail.com with Botany AB as the topic.

Grassland Vegetation Inventory: A User's Guide (W21) Blended/Online Course

Registration Currently Open: <https://www.salmtec.com/courses/gvi-course>

Through hands on activities and examples presented in instructional videos, the GVI User's Guide Blended/Online Course provides participants with both an in-depth contextual and practical understanding of Alberta's Grassland Vegetation Inventory (GVI) using various real world management scenarios.

Biophysical Bootcamp Training Series –(S21) Montane Natural Region

Registration Currently Open: <https://www.salmtec.com/courses/biophysical-bootcamp-s21>

SALMTEC has designed a new field training course that provides participants with opportunity to get their hands dirty and ask questions with Subject Matter Experts, hone technical skills, and benefit from cross-learning and networking opportunities. This workshop will be held in the Montane Natural Sub region, at SALMTEC's field station near Bragg Creek, in mid-July. Students will visit four learning stations throughout the day: Grassland Vegetation Inventory, Soils & Terrain, ABWRET-A Wetland Function (Wildlife Habitat), and Plant Identification.

ALBERTA PLANT STUDY GROUPS

Alberta Native Plant Council (ANPC)

Location: Online, More information can be found on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ABNPC/>

WEBSITES AND PUBLICATIONS

Alberta Native Plant Council is updating their website constantly with the most up to date information on field trips, publications as well as the most up to date copy of Plant Happenings. <https://anpc.ab.ca>

Salmtec has multiple online courses as well as webinars available. They also have a blog with a variety of different topics. <https://www.salmtec.com>

Rare Vascular Plants of Alberta Book Committee

May 2021 Update:

The RVPA Book Committee has completed the second edition manuscript and submitted it to our publisher, UBC Press, where it is undergoing pre-publication typesetting and copyediting. Print books are expected by Spring 2022, just in time for field season!

The Book Committee's next steps include reviewing sample pages provided by the publisher, and securing funding for printing. Book purchase information will be provided as soon as it is available. Check the ANPC website for updates! <https://anpc.ab.ca>

LINKS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

J.L McCune is currently requesting participation in a brief online survey to identify the major knowledge gaps that are hindering conservation and recovery of plant species at risk in Canada, and barriers to research needed to fill these gaps.

Do you work on the conservation and restoration of plants in Canada? Or do you study some aspect of plant ecology or evolution in Canada? We would like to hear your thoughts on the biggest knowledge gaps in research and applied conservation for plant species at risk in Canada. Please consider answering our 15 minute voluntary online survey for Canadian wild plant practitioners!

<http://jlmccune.weebly.com/survey.html>

Alberta Native Plant Council memberships are up for renewal. The membership term runs from April 1st to March 31st, and includes a subscription to Iris as well as regular information emails. As ANPC is a non-profit organization, they rely on membership dues and donations to support their conservation and education initiatives. Membership and renewal forms can be found at https://anpc.ab.ca/?page_id=108

If you have anything of interest or any events that you think would be suitable for Plant Happenings please email me or respond to this email.

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