



BCLSS LOONIE NEWS

A monthly e-newsletter from the BC Lake Stewardship Society

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HAVE YOU SEEN THIS BUTTERFLY?



From late April to late May, the BC Conservation Data Centre would like you to look for **Taylor's Checkerspot** in open meadows, pastures, wetlands, and young clear cuts in your area. Its wingspan is about 4 cm and it has distinctive red and white spots on its wings. Don't attempt to capture Taylor's Checkerspot but photographs and accurate site records are very useful.

Taylor's Checkerspot occurred historically in meadows of the Georgia Basin from Victoria to Courtenay. Most of these populations have disappeared in the last 50 years as climate warming, invasive plants, and urbanization have reduced meadow habitats. It is now found on Denman Island. Taylor's Checkerspot is an endangered species in Canada and has also declined in Washington and Oregon.

Please report any sightings to the BC Conservation Data Centre at 1.800.663.7867 (toll free) or cdccdata@gov.bc.ca or to Jennifer Heron at 604.222.6759 or Jennifer.Heron@gov.bc.ca. This project is sponsored by BC Ministry of Environment and Parks Canada.

Photo by Nick Page, Raincoast Applied Ecology (Helliwell Provincial Park, May 1994)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society - Free Public Lecture

May 27, 2008 at the Grand Okanagan Lakefront Resort and Conference Society. Presentations by Mike Roberts, weathercaster for CHBC, and David Phillips, Senior Climatologist for Environment Canada, will take place in the Okanagan Ballroom at 7 p.m. For more information, please visit <http://www.cmos2008.ca/en/public-speakers/>

Climate Warming: Less Water, Cooked Fish

June 20 - 22, 2008. The 11th annual BCLSS conference and AGM will be held at UBC-Okanagan in Kelowna. Please visit www.bclss.org/conferences.html for details and registration information.

The Great North American Secchi Disc Dip-In 2008

This year's event runs from June 28th to July 20th. This event provides a snapshot of the clarity of your lake and taken over several years can help in determining the health of your lake. Past participants will be mailed information and a data form in the coming weeks. For information visit or contact the BCLSS office.

Lake Management in a Changing Environment

November 11 - 14, 2008. The 28th International NALMS Symposium, hosted by the Alberta Lake Management Society, will be held at Chateau Lake Louise located in beautiful Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada. The symposium theme concerns lake management during unprecedented development, water scarcity, and climate change. More than 30 special sessions have been proposed. For full details and registration information visit: <http://www.nalms.org/Conferences/2008LakeLouise>

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