



Lake Agnes, AB. Photo by Volodymyr Shuvayev. 2023 Lake Biodiversity Photo Challenge.

Next up in the Summer Speaker Series

Algae in Watersheds: Friend or Foe?

Wednesday, July 26 • 3:30-4:30 pm PT / 7:30-8:30 pm AT

Chances are you've probably seen that green stuff we call algae floating on your local lake at one time or another. But, what is algae, why is monitoring algae important and how does it impact our watersheds? Join us on Wednesday, July 26 for our next Summer Speaker Series with Roxanne MacKinnon, Executive Director of Atlantic Coastal Action Plan Saint John.

[REGISTER](#)

*This session will be recorded, emailed to everyone who registers, and posted to the [Lake Blitz event page](#).

New! How to Monitor (for Kids) video

Get ready to monitor with your family and check out our newly released “how to” video made for kids! In 1-minute, it shows how young volunteers can safely monitor their local lake. Check it out [here](#).



Calling all photographers under 12 years old!

Enter your lake photos in the Kids Category as part of 2023 Lake Biodiversity Photo Challenge! There's only one month left to submit photos. Winners will receive awesome kid-friendly prizes provided by Earth Rangers and Lush Cosmetics. [Submit your lake photos online today](#).



Lily Liang at Mclean Ponds, B.C.

This month's **Volunteer Spotlight** features Lily Liang, a high school student monitoring Mclean Ponds in southern B.C. As a young camper, Lily developed a personal connection with Mclean Ponds and the beavers and dragonflies that call this place home. Learn more about Lily's experience with the Lake Blitz as a second year volunteer.

[READ LILY'S SPOTLIGHT](#)

Data Stories



Eurasian Watermilfoil found at Prospect Lake, B.C. Photos by Anne Allen, National Lake Blitz volunteer.

Did you know that the most common aquatic invasive species found in the National Lake Blitz is **Eurasian Watermilfoil**? This feather-like aquatic plant returns year after year to grow in thick mats right below the water's surface. It often outcompetes native species, reduces lake biodiversity and negatively impacts recreational activities including fishing, boating and swimming. Learn how to identify this invasive plant from the [Invasive Species Centre](#).

If you spot Eurasian Watersmilfoil while monitoring, be sure to make note of it in your observation and snap some photos. We also encourage volunteers to submit wildlife and invasive species sightings on the National Lake Blitz project page on [iNaturalist](#).



Did you miss the last **Summer Speaker Series**? We've got you covered! The Citizen Science and the State of the Great Lakes webinar with Nancy Stadler-Salt, Great Lakes Issue Coordinator with Environment and Climate Change Canada, is [now available](#). Check it out and discover how citizen science is being used to understand the health and biodiversity of the Great Lakes and produce the binational State of the Great Lakes Reports.

Do you need a helping hand to identify bird species living at your local lake? **Merlin Bird ID** is a free app that allows you to easily identify birds by song, photo or completing a simple questionnaire. Learn more and download the app [here](#).



Other Opportunities

WORKSHOP & COMMUNITY WEED PULL
JULY 20, 2023 • NELSON, BC

PROTECT OUR WATERS
FROM AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

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TIME

9 am -11 am: Weed Pulling at the end of Lakeside Drive

11 am -12 pm: Workshop at Lakeside Park's Rotary Shelter

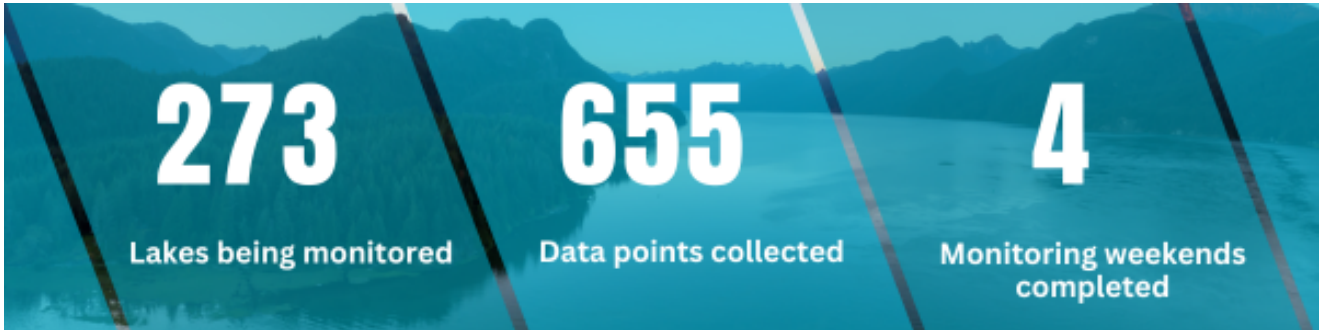
12 pm -1 pm: Group lunch (meal provided)



Do you live in and around the Nelson, B.C. area? You can help protect Kootenay Lake from aquatic invasive species with this **FREE half-day workshop and weed pull** on July 20! This event will cover Aquatic Invasive Species 101, practices to prevent the spread when working & playing around water, and more. Anyone is welcome to participate. Spots are limited so [register today!](#)

Since 1994, the North American Lake Management Society has celebrated Lakes Appreciation Month with the **Annual Secchi Dip-In**. This month-long event hosted in July aims to showcase the value of volunteer monitors in gathering important data about lakes, rivers and estuaries. If you have a Level 2 Lake Blitz kit containing the secchi disk, we invite you to join this annual event from your local lake. Secchi Dip-In observations can also be added to the Lake Blitz observation form. Learn more [here](#).

Lake Blitz volunteer, Kevin Snow recently shared a video featuring his motorcycle ride from Lake Country to Aberdeen Lake during a monitoring weekend. Check out this [hyper lapsed video](#) as Kevin travels down winding roads to this south-central B.C. lake. Email lakeblitz@livinglakescanada.ca to share videos or photos of your lake monitoring experiences.



Questions? Email Camille and Kaite at lakeblitz@livinglakescanada.ca

Office hours every Tuesday 12-1 pm PT / 1-2 pm MT / 3-4 pm ET

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