



SCHEDULE

“Exploring Urban Wilderness”

Entirely Online via Zoom (for members), with some presentations live-streamed **(LS)** for the general public

Regular Program

Youth **(LS)**
Program

Friday May 28th

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Opening: The State of Nature Protection in Canada, with Graham Saul of Nature Canada **(LS)**

Saturday May 29th

9:00 am to 11:00am

Presentation: **The State of Nova Scotia’s Urban Birds**, with the Bird Friendly Halifax Coalition

**10-10:30am
Super Smart Starlings**, with Maheshi Dharmasiri of Saint Mary’s University

**10:30-11am
TBD**, with the Shubenacadie Wildlife Park

**11-11:30am
Mosses and Lichens**, with Alex Setchell of Ducks Unlimited Canada and Nature Nova Scotia

12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Break, for Self-guided Hikes

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Presentation: **Starling Song**, with Maheshi Dharmasiri of Saint Mary’s University

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Presentation: **Near-Urban Mosses and Lichens**, with Alex Setchell of Ducks Unlimited Canada and Nature Nova Scotia

7:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Presentation: **All About Ticks**, with Andrew Hebda, former curator at NS Museum of Natural History **(LS)**

7:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Presentation: **The New Nova Scotia Herp Atlas**, Nick Knutson of Mersey Tobetic Research Institute



Sunday May 30th

10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Nature Nova Scotia AGM	10:00-10:30am TBD, with Katie Scott of Ducks Unlimited Canada
		10:30-11am TBD, with the Shubenacadie Wildlife Park
		11-11:30am Feathers, with Becky Parker of the Young Naturalists Club
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Break, for Self-guided Hikes	
6:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Presentation: Urban Wetland Conservation, with Emma Bocking of Ducks Unlimited Canada	
6:30 pm – 7:00 pm	Presentation: Health Benefits of Getting Out Into Nature, with Karen McKendry of Ecology Action Centre	
7:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Presentation: Youth-led Conservation Action – Dartmouth’s Nature Guardians, with Becky Parker of the Young Naturalists Club	
7:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Presentation: Activism Among Hobby Naturalists: Species At Risk vs the Nova Scotia government, with Bob Bancroft of Nature Nova Scotia (LS)	
8:00 pm	Event Closing, with Bob Bancroft of Nature Nova Scotia and Burkhard Plache of Halifax Field Naturalists	

Register Today!

Register online at naturens.ca/events/2021-celebration-of-nature or reach out to Coordinator Becky Parker at coordinator@naturens.ca or 902-412-2726. Registration is free for up-to-date members of Nature Nova Scotia and available to all other natural history enthusiasts for just \$20, the same price as an annual membership!

The symposium and AGM will take place over Zoom, so you will need a computer or zoom-compatible device and some familiarity with the platform to participate. Please reach out if you have any questions or would like help getting your virtual environment set up!

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