



Top Left: Seablush keeps on painting the hills - at Jedediah, Ken Lertzman

*Centre: Blooming Fir Cone
Gordon Scott*

Right: Blue Camas, Ken Lertzman



Oregon Sunshine a common, widespread, North American plant in the sunflower family. *Terry Theiss*

Mason bee in the “claws” of a crab spider disguised as a kale flower. It took me a while to figure out why the bee wasn't moving; it had been snagged by the spider. Next morning there was no sign of the bee, but the spider was still lurking, barely noticeable. *Wendy Schneible*

Northern Alligator Lizards mating. I saw two sets in the last few days like this. The male grabs the female's head and they stay mated like this for sometimes hours. *Sheila Harrington*

Vancouver Groundcone *Boschniakia hookeri* These can be yellow to red or purple growing up to 12 cm tall. These are root parasites connected to the roots of primarily salal. A single groundcone plant can produce more than a third of a million seeds. *Doane Grinnell*

Send us your photos and a brief description for Seen in Passing - linc@lasqueti.ca

Resources, Events, News

Native or Invasive?

Check out these plants currently growing on Lasqueti. Can you identify them and tell which one is native and which is invasive?

Let us know what you think, and tune in next issue for the answers.

Photos - left Sheila Harrington, right Ronaldo Nordon



Audubon has partnered with naturalist, artist and educator John Muir Laws to offer a webinar series covering the fundamentals of drawing birds. May 21 and 28, Thursdays, from 9 - 11 am online. Nature journaling and bird drawing offer a fresh new way to experience birds and familiar scenes around you. No prior experience drawing is required! All you need is internet access, a writing implement, some paper and the desire to learn. <https://richardsonbay.audubon.org/events/bird-drawing-lessons-john-muir-laws>

What Happens to Them Happens to Us: An indigenous poet reflects on how releasing a captive killer whale could mean our own redemption. This article reflects on our own endangered Resident Killer Whales, the dwindling salmon they depend on, and how releasing Tokitae, one of six juvenile killer whales abducted in the '70s, could give us "the power to heal our relationship with the natural world." <https://www.hakaimagazine.com/features/what-happens-to-them-happens-to-us/>

What makes Lasqueti's Coastal Douglas-fir forests so special? Find out more (with clues) about the very unique and endangered ecosystem that we are lucky enough to live in, and why it's so important that we care, conserve and protect it. <https://islandnature.ca/2013/09/coastal-douglas-fir-forests/>

News about protecting nature

Declines in Rockfish: A 2019 federal report found that eight species of rockfish populating shallower waters—quillback, yelloweye, copper, tiger, China, black, brown, and deacon—have recently experienced precipitous declines in population sizes on the BC coast. Lasqueti has four Rockfish Conservation Areas. Do you know where they are? A local islander is interviewed in this article. The Galiano Conservancy has come up with a great outreach project to help educate people about Rockfish Conservation Areas. <https://www.hakaimagazine.com/article-short/teachable-moments-on-the-dock/>

Read about how animals share culture and teach each other how to survive. Carl Safina is an ecologist and author of writings about the human relationship with the natural world. His books include *Becoming Wild; How Animal Cultures Raise Families, Create Beauty, and Achieve Peace; Beyond Words; What Animals Think and Feel; Song for the Blue Ocean; Eye of the Albatross; The View From Lazy Point; A Natural Year in an Unnatural World*, and others. <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/apr/09/the-secret-call-of-the-wild-how-animals-teach-each-other-to-survive-aoe>

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