

City of Richmond

CLIMATE ACTION

e-Newsletter



May is Invasive Species Action Month! 🌱

Recognize, Replace, Restore: Take Action Against Invasives!

Recognize: Some common garden plants have escaped into our parks and natural areas. Species like English ivy, periwinkle, and morning glory spread quickly, climbing trees, smothering vegetation, and displacing native plants.

Replace: Choose non-invasive or native alternatives for your garden. These support pollinators, birds, and a healthier ecosystem without spreading beyond your yard.

Restore: Help protect Richmond's green spaces by removing invasive plants where possible and disposing of yard waste properly. Every action helps restore habitat for native species and keeps our parks and natural areas thriving.

TAKE ACTION

Adventures in Wildlife Photography

Join award-winning wildlife photographer Liron Gertsman for a presentation of remarkable images, field stories, science, and creative techniques, exploring how unforgettable wildlife moments were captured across western Canada and beyond. Registration required.

Richmond Cultural Centre

Sunday, May 17

2:00–4:00 pm

Cost: \$5

Course ID: 00492132



REGISTER



May Reuse & Repair Café

Join us and have your clothing, small appliance or bike fixed by an expert!

Saturday May 23

10:00am – 2:00pm

Hamilton Community Centre

5140 Smith Drive

[LEARN MORE](#)

Planning a garden refresh or tree trimming?

Before you start, take a moment to look for signs of bird activity. If you spot a nest, please keep your distance and avoid disturbing it. Giving birds and their young space helps them thrive.

Most birds, eggs, and nests are protected under the provincial *Wildlife Act* and the federal *Migratory Birds Convention Act*. Some nests, such as those of great blue herons and bald eagles, are protected year-round.

Please email us at:
EnvSustainability@richmond.ca.



[WILDLIFE INFO](#)



Grants for reducing home energy and emissions

The Sustainable Affordable Housing initiative supports affordable housing that's more energy-efficient, comfortable, and cost-effective to run. It helps communities build and upgrade homes while reducing energy use and emissions.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Hey Hamilton, help grow the Nectar Trail

A new pollinator patch has been created in McLean Park to support bees, butterflies, and other beneficial pollinators. 🌸

As part of the Nectar Trail initiative, residents are encouraged to join the commitment and show their pollinator pride by registering their garden on the Nectar Trail's social map (click button below). Together, we can help create a more connected, pollinator-friendly community.

[GET INVOLVED](#)

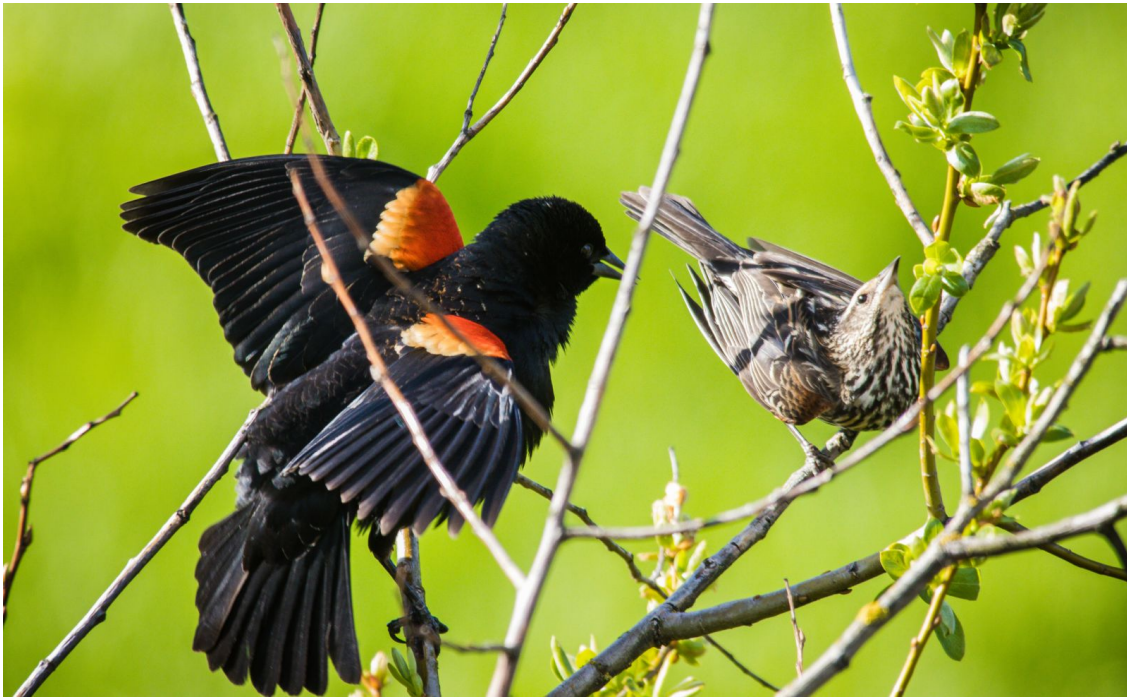


Thank you volunteers!

On behalf of the City and the Invasive Species Council of Metro Vancouver, thank you to the dedicated volunteers who came out to tackle the invasive Himalayan blackberry in Garden City Park. Your efforts are helping restore valuable habitat and protect local ecosystems. Join us again on Saturday, October 17, 2026 to keep the momentum going and continue these important management efforts.



Creature Feature



Conk-la-ree! Look at me!

Red-winged blackbirds are a common sign of spring in Richmond. Their distinct call and bright shoulder patches make males easy to spot, but females often blend in with grasses and reeds thanks to their brown, streaked feathers. Listen for their unmistakable springtime song “conk-la-ree!” call next time you’re near wetlands or roadside ditches.

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Forget gas, we need to electrify!

Electricity is a very efficient power source. Not only does it waste less energy than others (coal, gas and biomass), by switching to electric vehicles and heat pumps would reduce BC’s total energy demand by 25%. Electrifying industry would cut energy use even more.
