



Success at Biodiversity Days!

The first of its kind, Biodiversity Days was a big success in engaging friends, family, and community to celebrate biodiversity and learn more about its importance for current and future generations.

Between Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23, a total of 100 families (310 participants) went on the Family Nature Walk to learn more about biodiversity in [UBC Botanical Garden](#), and over 135 participants joined us for our virtual events!

These virtual experiences included our sold-out plant propagation workshop hosted by our [Artist in Residence](#), Dr. Erin Despard, a UBC Biodiversity and Climate Action Ideas showcase and, in honour of [Cultural Diversity Day](#) (May 21), a keynote talk by Dr. Sm'hayetsk Teresa Ryan on signs of culture in forest biological diversity.

We are grateful to see and be a part of such enthusiasm for biodiversity at this critical time.

Thanks to our team and community for helping make our first-ever Biodiversity Days experiences a success.

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Garry Oak Meadow Garden

North American Gardens Curator [Ben Stormes](#) invites you to explore some of the unique and ephemeral beauty of the [Garry Oak Meadow Garden](#) in this new video.

The Garry Oak Woodland Garden is a biodiverse ecosystem home to some incredibly resilient and gorgeous plants. Watch the video to learn more about [Quercus garryana](#) (Garry Oak), the only oak found in British Columbia, [Camassia leichlinii](#) (the great camas), a plant that holds deep significance for a number of Indigenous traditions, and [Castilleja levisecta](#) (golden paintbrush), a globally endangered plant that is thriving well in our Garry Oak Meadow Garden.

Check out the video at the link below to learn more about these unique native plants.

[Watch now](#)



Rosa nutkana var. *nutkana*

June in the Garden

June is a very good month for viewing plants and abundant flowers in UBC Botanical Garden. In particular, look out for roses. The Garden's collection does not include the classic hybrid tea roses of formal gardens; rather, the majority of our roses are wild plants.

In the [David C. Lam Asian Garden](#), primarily Chinese and Himalayan species clamber over large shrubs and climb up trees. Note, for example, the exquisitely fragrant blooms of [Rosa helena](#) (Upper Asian Way near Fortune Trail), [Rosa henryi](#) (on Delavay west of Kingdon Ward Way) and especially, the magnificent [Rosa filipes 'Kiftsgate'](#) (where Forrest Trail and Rock Trail meet).

Nearly all of them have similar hooked prickles on exceptionally long stems that climb, sprawl or recline. They have prickles on their leaves and leaf stalks, and sizeable clusters of usually smallish, but oh, so fragrant white flowers. Botanical descriptions typically state that they grow 6 to 10 m, but here, several species have surpassed 25 m tall after 35 years, ascending mature conifers.

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New Arrivals at the Shop & Garden Centre

This week in the Shop, check out the lovely selection of unique cards for every occasion! Cards with the right words, cards that make you smile, and cards that are meant to be kept.

In the Garden Centre, the Ray Evison Clematis have arrived in full bloom! Come pick up your own gorgeous clematis before they sell out.

[Book your shopping appointment](#)



How to Grow a Biodiverse and Bird-Friendly Garden

Did you miss the latest [Metro Vancouver](#) Grow Green livestream? You can watch the recorded livestream at the link below!

This segment explores how you can support birds and biodiversity in your own garden. Hosted by Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Planner Karin England with guest experts Associate Director Tara Moreau from UBC Botanical Garden, and Derek Tan from [Beaty Biodiversity Museum](#) on this segment about supporting birds and biodiversity in your garden.

[Watch the recorded livestream here](#)



In Bloom in the Neighbourhood

Looking for interesting plants on your walks?

Since we are still under some pandemic restrictions, we will be re-featuring our In the Neighbourhood series with a weekly plant in bloom to look out for around your neighbourhood!

This week: [Paeonia lactiflora](#), the classic, common peony. Native to central and eastern Asia, this peony is known for its gorgeous blooms and sublime fragrance.

Pictured: Paeonia lactiflora 'Bowl of Beauty'

[Find out more about plants now in bloom](#)



Visit UBC Botanical Garden

Enjoy the season to the fullest by visiting UBC Botanical Garden. We are excited to welcome you to the Garden with social distancing and health & safety measures in place.

We recommend that you book your next visit in advance online as spots are filling up quickly!

Hours:

Wednesday-Sunday: 10:00 am-5:00 pm (last entry time at UBC Botanical Garden is at 3:30 pm and visitors must enter the Greenheart TreeWalk by 4:30 pm)

Monday-Tuesday: Closed

[Reserve your tickets here](#)



Visit Nitobe Memorial Garden

Experience blossoms in nature and the beauty of cherry blossoms at Nitobe Memorial Garden. Nitobe Garden is being carefully maintained to welcome visitors safely into our beautiful green space.

Plan your next visit to Nitobe Garden by booking an appointment in advance online. We look forward to welcoming you.

Hours:

Wednesday-Sunday: 10:00 am-5:00 pm (last entry time at Nitobe Garden is 4:30 pm)

Monday-Tuesday: Closed

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