

The **SALMTEC** Connector

... a compilation of applied science and land management events across a variety of sectors and disciplines...



SALMTEC's Fun Facts: Is that a peacock I see sitting in a tree? No, it's even stranger, it's a brazenly pretty male duck, with iridescent green, crested head and a chestnut and dark brown body with distinctive white markings. That's right, this strange bird is the [Wood Duck](#) (*Aix sponsa*) that nests in trees and will even accept nest boxes put up by helpful humans. The wood duck lives in wooded swamps, and is one of the few duck species equipped with claws that make perching on tree branches possible. The ducklings' first encounter with water is a leap of faith from a high nest, as illustrated in this [National Geographic](#) video. We are very lucky in Southern Alberta where this bird can be found during the breeding season.

Back by popular demand! We're offering our field wetland assessment course on May 25th. [Sign up](#) soon as this is likely the only offering of this full day wetland course for 2026.



What's coming up in the next month?

Date	Event / Topic	Location
April 15	SALMTEC's Imagery Interpretation and Analysis Course (W26) Live Interactive Class	Online
April 24	SALMTEC's ABWRET-A Blended Course (W26) Live Interactive Class	Online
May 25	SALMTEC's ABWRET-A Field Course (S26)	Calgary, AB
Ongoing	SALMTEC offers several self-paced online courses: Wetland Policy Basics Understanding ACIMS Tools Alberta Soil Information Viewer Land Use Assessment Landscape Analysis SALMTEC offers OnDemand seminars: Catchment Delineation Technical Report Review Hydrology & Wetland Design Wetland Delineation	Online
April 16	APEGA Webinar: Erosion and Sediment Control	Online

April 16	FOFC Event: Gardening with Alberta Native Plants	Calgary, AB
April 16	Nature Alberta Webinar: Alberta Irrigation Expansion – The Four Pillars of Water Availability	Online
April 17	NRTG Course: Introduction to Fish Habitat Measurement and Assessment	Online
April 18	AWA Event: Tracks of Spring: A Walk in the Beaver Hills	Lamont County, AB
April 18	EALT Event: Wind the Wire at Golden Ranches	Strathcona County, AB
April 18	RDRL Event: Bird Focus Group Walk Red Deer River Naturalists	Red Deer, AB
April 20 – 22 & 27 – 28	NRTG Course: Habitat Restoration Technician Program – Foundations of Ecological Restoration	Online
April 20 – 23	ECO Canada Course: Wildlife Monitoring with Environmental Sensors	Online and Edmonton, AB
April 21	CLRA Webinar: Innovative Guideline Development and Risk Based Approaches to Address Salinity in Southern Alberta and Southern Saskatchewan	Online
April 21	NWETC Course: AI Fundamentals for Professionals	Online
April 21	SERNbc Webinar: Introducing the Forest Ecosystem Simulator (ForES)	Online
April 21 – 22	EGBC Webinar: Impacts of Flow Regulation and Regulations on Surface Water Ice Regimes	Online
April 21 – 22	NRTG Course: Species at Risk	Online
April 21 – 22	NWETC Course: CESCL: Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead Training	Online
April 21 & 23	NRTG Course: Understanding How Site Factors Shape Forests	Online

April 22	AWA Event: Earth Day Talk 2026 Improving Supply of Native Seed	Calgary, AB
April 22	Nature Alberta Webinar: Whooping Crane Recovery Efforts in Wood Buffalo National Park	Online
April 22	NCC Event: Small Actions, Big Impact Nature Conservancy of Canada	Online
April 22	NRTG Course: Introduction to Fish Habitat Measurement and Assessment	Online
April 22	WCS Webinar: Facing Change in Boreal Freshwater Ecosystems	Online
April 22 - 24	NWETC Course: Planning and Preparing an Ecological Risk Assessment	Online
April 23	BCWF Webinar: Catch & Release: Improving Salmon Survival	Online
April 23	CIF E-Lecture: The Use of Functional Traits in Planning for a Resilient Urban Forest	Online
April 23	NRTG Course: Electrofishing Certification	Cranbrook, BC
April 23	RDLR Event: Monthly Meeting Speaker Series Red Deer River Naturalists	Red Deer, AB
April 23 - 24	CMIAE Course: Whirling Disease in Southeast BC	Online
April 24	SALMTEC's ABWRET-A Blended Course (W26) Live Interactive Class	Online
April 24	FWCP Webinar: Arctic grayling: Cumulative Effects and Update on Conservation Efforts	Online
April 24	NRTG Course: Electrofishing Certification	Online
April 24	NRTG Course: Water Safety for Environmental Fieldwork	Online

April 25	AWA Event: Nose Hills Crocuses, Geology, and Nature	Calgary, AB
April 25	Grassland Naturalists Event: Field Trips	Medicine Hat, AB
April 25 - 26	Nature Alberta Event: Snow Goose Festival	Tofield, AB
April 27 - 28	NRTG Course: Bat Habitat Assessment	Online
April 27 - 28	NRTG Course: Ichthyology	Online
April 27 - 28	ESTI Canada Course: Backpack Electrofishing Certification	Prince George, BC
April 28	NRTG Course: Birding 101 – Foundations of Field Bird Identification	Online
April 28 - 30	VOI Course: Erosion and Sediment Control Practitioner	Online
April 28 – May 1	CMIAE Course: Introduction to 'R' Software	Online
April 29	ACS Webinar: SciComm 101: How to Clearly Communicate Your Science	Online
April 29	APEGA Event: EPCOR Water Treatment Plant Tour	Edmonton, AB
April 29	RMS Webinar: Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Management at Hydropower Facilities	Online
April 29	RMS Webinar: Wild and Scenic Rivers 101	Online
April 29 - 30	NWETC Course: CESCL: Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead Training	Online
April 29 - 30	NWETC Course: Planning and Preparing an Ecological Risk Assessment	Online
April 30	EALT Event: Wind the Wire at Boisvert's Green Woods	Morinville, AB

April 30	NRTG Course: Assessing Tree & Forest Health	Online
April 30	CIF E-Lecture: Tree Migration in Canada: Past, Present, and Future	Online
April 30 – May 1	ESTI Canada Course: Backpack Electrofishing Certification	Grande Prairie, AB
May 1	AWA Event: Spring Ramble in Fish Creek Park, a Jane's Walk	Calgary, AB
May 1	SER Course: Introduction to River Restoration - A Survey Course for a Global Audience	Online
May 1, June 4 - 5	NRTG Course: Fish Habitat Assessment	Forth St John, BC
May 1	NRTG Course: Electrofishing Certification	Forth St John, BC
May 1, May 7 - 8	NRTG Course: Fish Habitat Assessment	Cochrane, AB
May 1	NRTG Course: Interpreting Fish Habitat Assessment Information	Online
May 1	AWA Event: Urban Sketch Walk at St. Patrick's Island, a Jane's Walk	Calgary, AB
May 2	Nature Alberta Event: Bragg Creek Wild Fair - Nature Alberta	Bragg Creek, AB
May 2	ENC Event: Ellis Open House	Lacombe County, AB
May 2	ANPC Event: Annual Workshop – Grassroots Grow Deep: Local Action, Global Impact	Calgary, AB
May 2	AWA Event: Bird Walk and Parks Talk, a Jane's Walk	Calgary, AB
May 2	RDRL Event: Bird Focus Group Walk Red Deer River Naturalists	Red Deer, AB

May 3	ANPC Event: Weaslehead Natural Area Walk	Calgary, AB
May 4	NRTG Course: Environmental Project Management	Online
May 4	NRTG Course: Land Guardian Program	Online
May 4 -7	NRTG Course: Habitat Restoration Technician Program — Aquatic Ecosystems and Lake Restoration	Online
May 4 – 7	NRTG Course: Habitat Restoration Technician Program	Online
May 4 - 15	VIU course: Essential Fisheries Field Skills Certificate Vancouver Island University	Nanaimo, BC
May 5	NRTG Course: Construction Monitoring — Wildlife Mitigation	Online
May 5	Indigenous Relations Academy course: Working Effectively with Indigenous Peoples	Online
May 6	BRBC Science Forum: Science Forum — Bow River Basin Council	Calgary, AB
May 6	Indigenous Relations Academy course: Indigenous Consultation & Engagement	Online
May 6	LICA Event: BIRDS Workshop: Basic ID & Birdwatching	Cold Lake, AB
May 6	RMS Webinar: Wild and Scenic River Training Section 7 Determinations	Online
May 6 – June 24	CMIAE Course: Coding Bayesian Models: An Introduction	Online
May 7	FOFC Event: Making Calgary a Friendly Place for Birds	Calgary, AB
May 7	NRTG Course: Bird Nest Surveys — Beyond Standard Approaches	Online
May 8	NRTG Course: Electrofishing Certification	West Vancouver, BC

May 8	NRTG Course: Winning Proposals — Writing to Secure Funding	Online
May 9	ENC Event: Migratory Birding	Lacombe County, AB
May 9	FCC Event: Electrofishing Certification Course	Calgary, AB
May 12	NRTG Course: Electrofishing Certification	Merrit, BC
May 12	NRTG Course: Electrofishing Certification	Saskatoon, SK
May 12	RMS Webinar: Recreational River Releases—How, Why	Online
May 12	SERNbc Webinar: Forest for the trees - Thinning to benefit land	Online
May 13	EALT Event: Sign Repair and Garden Care at The Smith Blackburn Homestead	Chipman, AB
May 13	NRTG Course: Native Prairie Restoration	Online
May 13 - 14	NWETC Course: Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead Training	Online
May 13 - 14	ESCA BC Webinar Introduction to ESC site management	Online
May 14	CLRA Event: CLRA Alberta: Roots of Restoration Showcase Tour	Cremona, AB
May 14	ELC Webinar: Environmental Law in Focus: Wetlands	Online
May 16	DUC Event: International Museum Day — Boreal Wetland Centre	Grande Prairie, AB
May 16	RDRL Event: Bird Focus Group Walk Field Trip	Alix Lake, AB

May 18	ENC Event: 2026 Opening Day Events	Lacombe County, AB
May 19	AWA Event: Talk Night – Book Launch of A Field Guide to the Birds of Alberta	Calgary, AB
May 19	CLRA Webinar: Overview of the Guide for Noxious Weeds and Undesirable/Problem Species Variances on Reclaimed Forested Sites	Online
May 20	RMS Webinar: Energy Storage in Today’s Electric Grid	Online
May 20	RMS Webinar: Managing Eligible Rivers	Online
May 20 - 21	NRTG Course: Avian Nest Sweeps and Monitoring Methods	Online
May 20-28	VIU Course: Snorkel Surveys Vancouver Island University	Online and Field Qualicum and Fanny Bay Area, BC
May 21	EALT Event: Trail Maintenance at Hicks!	Sherwood Park, AB
May 21	UNBC Course: Avenza Maps (IOS) Introduction UNBC	Online
May 22	NRTG Course: Electrofishing Certification	Winnipeg, AB
May 23	AWA Event: Hiking Lesueur Ridge	Ghost Public Land Use Zone, AB
May 23	ENC Event: Guided Birding And Book Presentation Gavin McKinnon And Dave Scott	Lacombe County, AB
May 24	AWA event: Birdwatching and Photography at Frank Lake	Frank Lake, AB
May 24	ENC Event: Bee Hotel Workshop	Lacombe County, AB
May 24	ENC Event: Butterfly Certification Course (Citizen Science)	Lacombe County, AB

May 24	ENC Event: Nature Journaling	Lacombe County, AB
May 25	SALMTEC's ABWRET-A Field Course (S26)	Calgary, AB
May 25 - 26	NRTG Course: Technical Writing for Professionals	Online
May 25 - 26	UNBC Course: Safe and Effective Electrofishing Certificate UNBC	Prince George, BC
May 25 - 27	UNBC Course: Forest Road Construction UNBC	Prince George, BC
May 27	CLRA Event: CLRA Prairies Mini-Series	Regina, SK
May 27 - 28	NWETC Course: Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead Training	Online
May 28	DUC event: Wetlands of Lesser Slave Lake – A Wetlands in the Boreal Workshop Series	Kinuso, AB
May 28 - 29	UNBC Course: Forest Road Deactivation UNBC	Prince George, BC
May 29	NRTG Course: Electrofishing Certification	Courtenay, BC
May 29	NRTG Course: Electrofishing Certification	Terrace, BC
May 30	RDRL Event: Bird Focus Group Walk Field Trip Red Deer River Naturalists	Blackfalds, AB
May 30	AWA Event: Birds and Blooms in Rumsey	Rumsey, AB
May 30	ENC Event: BioBlitz (Citizen Science Project)	Lacombe County, AB
May 31	AWA Event: Prairies and Parkland Weekend	Wainwright, AB

May 31	ENC Event: Mountain Bluebird Trail Car Tour	Lacombe County, AB
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