



**"I support HAT for the meaningful work you do. As a Wildlife Biologist and mother living in Langford, I recognize the imperative value of the work of HAT in our community, and the passion and dedication required to achieve lasting habitat protection for wildlife, which ultimately benefits us too."**

- Joanna Preston, HAT Supporter

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## HAT Chat Autumn Newsletter 2017

We hope you enjoy reading about all we do thanks to the support of people like you. Thank you for being part of HAT.

### Wildlife Stewardship

This year HAT began using audio recording to enhance **Western Screech Owl** Surveys, allowing us to monitor nests remotely, without disturbing owl nesting activities. This year our surveys detected 5 active Western Screech Owl territories that are now being conserved by caring Stewards.

**Western Painted Turtles** received a boost from HAT with the completion of Eagles Lake restoration project. To deter deadly road crossings, we installed sandy nesting habitat with plants and fencing near the lake, along with signage to bring awareness to beachgoers.



A Western Red-legged Frog (*Rana aurora*)

Thanks to data collected through **HAT's Amphibian Program** the district of Saanich installed its first amphibian underpass for safe road-crossing at a road-kill hot spot identified by the project. Monitoring will continue through the fall to test its effectiveness.

The summer's **Bat Count** results are in: 76 volunteers counted 3741 bats at 23 sites with suspected 1,151 pups born!

Your support is a gift to nature and the community.

### Good Neighbours Metchosin Shoreline

Our Stewardship Coordinator, Paige has met with 16 landowners to provide backyard habitat advice, and conducted nearshore invasive species removal and learning days with the Sc'ianew Field School.

### Land Protection & Habitat Restoration

Since the Spring, 67 volunteers have removed 200+ cubic meters of invasive plants at Matson Conservation Area, Cripple Creek, Havenwood Park, Oak Haven Park, and East Sooke covenants. Wow!

While we are sorry to report a fire, likely human-caused, at Mt. Quimper, we are thankful it was quickly contained.

HAT is excited to work with Restoration of Natural Systems Student Britton Jacob-Schram this year at Homer-McCrea covenant on restoring areas impacted by invasive plants.

### Green Spots Youth Education

This fall, back to school means back to nature. HAT is teaming up with **Metchosin and Cloverdale Schools** to create native plant gardens, designed and planted by their very own students!

## Upcoming HAT Events

**Sept 28-30** – Thur-Sat, 10am – 3pm  
*Ruby Creek Riparian Planting, Pull and Workshop* contact us for details on workshop and free restoration day.

**Oct 12** – Thurs, 9:30am – 8pm  
*Conservation Connection Forum and Benefit Banquet* at Horticulture Centre of the Pacific get tickets and details at: [conservationconnection2017.bpt.me](http://conservationconnection2017.bpt.me)

**Oct 14** – Sun, 10am-11:30pm  
*Slug Walk and Identification Talk* at Devonian Park in Metchosin with CRD and HAT's very own Dr. Ovaska.

**Oct 28** – Sat, throughout the day,  
*Horticulture Centre of the Pacific Harvest Festival: Slip and slime slugs and snails*, at 505 Quayle Rd, family friendly hands-on learning and crafts about gastropods!

**Oct 29** – Sun, 11am-Sunset  
*Big Bat Bike Ride*: dress up as bats, raise funds for our flying mammals, and bike your heart out. Contact us for a pledge sheet and to get more information on how support bats!

**Late October/Early November** –  
*Matson Conservation Area Meadow Planting and Seeding*, along Westsong Walkway (Downtown Victoria/Esquimalt) email [volunteers@hat.bc.ca](mailto:volunteers@hat.bc.ca) for details.

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