



## Your Local Eco-News

Whistler's bi-weekly environmental news, tips for eco-citizenry and opportunities to get involved from AWARE. If you love what we do and are in a position to give, please [consider making a donation.](#)

### In this edition:

- We Are AWARE Nature Photo Contest
- Canada's 4th Widest Tree Just Found
- Zero Waste Heroes, Where You'll See Us and What We Do!
- Small Steps for Big Moves, Be Water Wise

*"Photography is a way of feeling, of touching, of loving. What you have caught on film is captured forever... It remembers little things, long after you have forgotten everything."*

~ Aaron Siskinds



## We Are AWARE Actions and Images Make an Impact

This locals only nature photo contest will be a medium to practice the art of visual storytelling through photography - how to portray awe, compassion, the inherent value of our ecosystem, or the necessity of pristine environments through a single frame. It will also allow consideration of our constant wilderness contact here in Whistler, and how we locals want this environment to be seen and treated. They say a photo speaks a thousand words; can we as a community speak up, through photography, to inspire care for the place we call home?

Just as every footprint leaves an imprint, every image leaves a sensation.

What will you inspire?!

Submit Photos; Get Your Art on Display in the Gallery at the Maury Young Arts Centre; Protect the Nature You Love!

[Visit Webpage for More Information](#)

---



## **Massive Cedar Found June 19** **Dubbed the 'North Shore Giant'** **Could be the 4th Widest Tree in Canada**

Tree trackers Colin Spratt and Ian Thomas say they found an ancient Western Red Cedar, likely more than 1000 years old and measuring more than 5.8 metres in diameter deep in Lynn Headwaters Regional Park.

“Finding this colossal ancient tree just demonstrates the sublime grandeur of these old-growth temperate rainforests,” said Thomas, a member of the Ancient Forest Alliance, a non-profit organization that works to protect B.C.’s endangered old-growth forests and to ensure a sustainable, value-added, second-growth forest industry. “Luckily, this incredible being and the impressive grove in which it stands is safe in a park. Most of our richest ancient forests are still unprotected and in danger of being logged. Even now in Canada, in the year 2022, trees as old as this giant, and entire groves like this one, are still being cut down on an industrial scale.”

The location of this tree will not be released to the public, and in light of the we are AWARE nature photo contest, I wonder if Whistler can use this as inspiration to find and show off our local giants too!

[Read More in the North Shore News](#)

---



## Zero Waste Heroes Recycling or Trash?

The Zero Waste Heroes Program works with the local municipality and various events to educate the public on what belongs in which waste stream. This summer you will see us at Lost Lake, Rainbow Lake, Alpha Lake, and in the Olympic Plaza at various times Thursday - Sunday.

Since contaminated or mixed bags all go to the landfill, proper sorting is also a necessary step to divert waste from the landfill. Whistler's climate action target is to reduce waste sector emissions by 95% by 2030; while we are well on our way every piece of sorted waste makes a difference!

We would like to offer a big welcome to our new Zero Waste Heroes this summer, Katie, Diana, Logan, Cove, Lauren, Bailey and Marley!

[Read More About Whistler's 2030 Target Here](#)



## Small Steps for Big Moves Be Water Wise

Whistler's BIG MOVES Climate Action Strategy identifies 6 top priority action areas our community needs to focus on if we want to cut our greenhouse gas emissions. But what does that mean for us as individuals?

The benefits of watching our water usage flows through to BIG MOVE #6: Close the loop and shift toward

lower carbon consumption.

Let's take 'small steps for BIG MOVES' by adopting one (or some) of these actions:

- Install low-flow toilets or reduce the water volume in your tank
- Repair Leaks in Taps and Pipes (Learn how to fix that leak with help from BC Hydro [www.bchydro.com](http://www.bchydro.com))
- See if you can shave one minute off your shower time
- Adopt water-wise gardening practices
- Be wary of water wasters, especially in summer months

Small Steps for Big Moves

## Did You Know?

Toads are indicator species of the health and wellbeing of their environment. Learn a little about our [Lost Lake population of Western Toads](#), including why we should be so careful in the upcoming weeks as they migrate.

Thank you for reading!

This Eco-News is to keep you updated on the latest local environmental news. Please share it with friends, we need more of our community updated on climate action and halting biodiversity loss in this place we get to call home.

Please contact me if you have questions, comments, or ideas for future Eco-News!



*Kristina Schrage*

Community Engagement Manager

AWARE gratefully and respectfully acknowledges that our workplace, the land now known as Whistler, lies in the unceded territory of the Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh and Lílwat Nations.

**Lets Stay Connected:**



Love what we do?  
Support Conservation and Climate Action



**AWARE's mailing address is:**  
PO Box 1370, Whistler, Canada, V0N 1B0

Want to change how you receive these emails?  
You can [unsubscribe from this list](#).