



NRES WEEKLY NEWS

September 19 - 23, 2011

A newsletter for faculty, staff and students
who participate in the
Natural Resources & Environmental Studies Institute
and NRES Graduate Programs

COMING EVENTS

NRESI RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM SERIES

Sept 23, 2011

Dr. Staffan Lindgren

Professor
Ecosystem Science & Management, UNBC



Of ants and beetles: Interactions of two ground-dwelling predators

Increased anthropogenic impacts on natural ecosystems have intensified interest in detecting changes in affected areas' natural ecology and native biodiversity. Many insect groups have been discussed as potential biological indicators for monitoring such impacts due to their abundance, ubiquity, and diversity. Being relatively taxonomically and ecologically well studied and easily sampled, ground beetles (Coleoptera: Carabidae) have received emphasis as a potential indicator group. Carabids and ants (Hymenoptera: Formicidae) may occupy overlapping guilds, however, and potential interactions of foraging ants and carabids may influence interpretation of disturbance effects on carabid assemblages. We studied ants and carabids in anthropogenically disturbed habitats to assess the potential effects of ants on the abundance and species assemblages of carabids in central BC. Inferences from these studies indicate that ants may play an important role in determining the composition and abundance of carabids.

Friday, September 23, 2011

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Room: 7-158

Andrew Nikiforuk

journalist and author

Empire of the Beetle

Friday, September 30, 2011

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Room: 7-158

Tracy Summerville

Associate Professor, Political Science Program, UNBC

How do you build science into a community sustainability plan

Friday, October 7, 2011

3:30 - 4:30 pm

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PUBLICATIONS

Silver, R.S., Dawe, N.K., Starzomski, B.M., **Parker, K.L.** and D.W. Nagorsen 2011 “A tribute to Ian McTaggart-Cowan, 1910-2010, O.C., O.B.C., PhD, LL.D., F.R.S.C.” *Canadian Field Naturalist* 124(4): 367-383

CONGRATULATIONS

Two NRES graduate students will be celebrating their wedding this weekend, in nearby Jasper, AB: Libby Williamson and Nick Ehlers! The NRES crowd wishes you good weather and the best of luck as you enter a new chapter of life together. Cheers!

ELSEWHERE ON CAMPUS

GLOBAL FRIDAYS
ROOM 7-212
12:00 - 1:30 pm

September 23, 2011
UNBC professors Fredj, Korkmaz, Safaei and Zahir

“the Arab Spring”

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