Get out of here

Parks Canada needs help to identify as many species as possible, so it’s hosting a BioBlitz on Saturna Island as part of National Geographic’s The Great Nature Project.

Events will be happening all over the world and are a wonderful opportunity to contribute to biodiversity research.

To volunteer, either work side-by-side with experts on species surveys or attend drop-in programs. The only requirement is that you record species observations through www.iNaturalist.org with a smart phone or digital camera for at least two hours.

Volunteer benefits include two nights free camping on Saturna and two free meals, and it’s suitable for individuals or families.

There’s info and a registration link on the Parks Canada website.

The new oil order

Financial Times has created a video about the fallout from the drop in world oil prices, including a 20% drop in development projects which have now been axed. Those projects include some in Canadian oil sands, Arctic oil, and LNG in Australia.

Also in the Financial Times, this article about Saudi pricing strategy.

Hard-to-recycle items?

Business Co-op Coordinator Alma Osorio has placed a box in BEC lobby for incandescent light bulbs. Put yours there and she’ll take them to a recycling depot. Questions? She’s on the Gustavson phone list and in BEC 124.

Other recycling questions? CRD’s My Recyclopedia has so many answers, you won’t believe.

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Social enterprise

The Yunus Centre Social Business Design Lab is a meeting place for people of diverse backgrounds who share the goal of developing social business for the betterment of society.

Since the first Design Lab on January 5, 2013 the Yunus Centre has held 86 monthly sessions, all of them hosted by the man himself, Muhammad Yunus.

Everyone is welcome to attend; registration info is here. In case you need some background: In 2006, Yunus and his Grameen Bank were jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize "for their efforts through microcredit to create economic and social development from below."

The Norwegian Nobel Committee noted that "lasting peace cannot be achieved unless large groups find ways to break out of poverty" and that "across cultures and civilizations, Yunus and Grameen Bank have shown that even the poorest of the poor can work to bring about their own development."

It’s not just tree huggers any more

In the run up to the Paris climate talks, religious leaders such as Pope Francis have pushed forward debates about climate change, consumption and equality. Read more in The Guardian’s The green Pope: how religion can do economics a favour.

Gender equity in lying

A University of Massachussets study found that 60% of participants told at least two lies during a 10-minute conversation. Men and women lied at about the same rate, although their motivation tended to be different. Find out more – including some icky facts about résumés – in The Ancient Art of Lying in Utne.