

Invasive specie of the month!

Siberian Peashrub *Caragana arborescens*



Caragana is an imported shrub that has become extremely invasive in Calgary's natural areas. The shrub grows quickly, up to 4m tall, and is very dense. Due to heavy shade, growth beneath the shrub is choked out.



The flowers are similar in shape to sweet-peas. In late Aug/Sep narrow brown pods form. The pods burst open releasing numerous seeds, 10 to 15 ft away from its parent. Once established Caragana is very difficult to control. Wildlife value is minimal. Golden Current (*Ribes aureum*) is a great native substitute.

Events of Significance



Wed. Oct. 22, 2008: Is Bowness Park being loved to death? Bowness Park Redevelopment Open House

Hosted by the City of Calgary to collect public input on how Bowness Park is being used and how it should be redeveloped. Attend 1 of 2 sessions at 2:00pm or 7:00pm. Location: Bowness Sportsplex, Main Hall, 7904 43 Ave NW.

Thurs. Oct 23, 2008: Heritage Roundtable - Meet the Funders \$\$\$\$

Hosted by the Federation of Calgary Communities and Calgary Heritage Initiative Society. Find out who in town funds heritage related projects from community histories, neighbourhood surveys to interpretive park projects. Refreshments provided. Register at 403.244.4111 or registration@calgarycommunities.com. Location: Lakeview Community Association, 6110 34 Ave SW, 6:30 to 9:00pm.

Mon. Oct. 27, 2008: The Walrus is Coming to Calgary!

Cool music and hot conversation! Hear Colin James serenade provocative dialogue between Aritha vanHerk and Walrus writer, Chris Wood, about ecological economics and the future of Canada's fresh water. This is a fundraiser for the non-profit charitable Walrus Foundation. Tickets \$125 available through Ticket Master or 403.777.0000. Location: Theatre Calgary, Epcor Centre, 7:00pm to 10:00pm or enter to win 2 tickets and a subscription to The Walrus at <http://www.walrusmagazine.com>.

Sat. Nov. 1, 2008: Nature Calgary Annual Banquet

Three course gourmet meal followed by guest speaker, Dr. Robert Barclay, Professor of Biological Sciences, UofC, speaking on "Bats in our Backyard". Location: Best Western Village Park Inn, 1804 Crowchild Trail NW, 5:30pm to 9ish. Tickets: \$45 members, \$50 non-members. Register with Jamie Noakes at janoakes@telus.net or 403.242.7232. Payment by cheque prior to Oct. 28/08.

Nov. 5 & 6, 2008: Our place in the Headwaters, Managing the Commons, Cochrane Rancho House, Cochrane, AB.

Connecting science and policy in headwaters protection. Guest dinner speaker Nov. 5 (6:00pm), Dr. Henry Vaux, Chair Rosenberg International Forum on Water Policy. Workshop Nov. 6 starting at 9am. For more info and to register go to: <http://ourplaceintheheadwaters.ca>