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Exploring Our Little Corner of the World with the Galiano Naturalists

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Galiano Naturalist. You just have to delight in the world around you and the many curiosities it offers up. Everyone is welcome to join us on our various outings as they occur. We'll keep you posted.

We're introducing a new feature to our monthly notes on nature: Natural Mysteries, a question section that asks for answers to the many puzzles and wonders we encounter in our travels every day. It's fun to study the stars and spy on the birds and get to know our local mushrooms but we're all learning as we go. And the more we explore the more we realize how much we've yet to learn. So we're asking for your help: if you know something we don't we're anxious to hear from you. (Even if you don't, you could always make something up. Some inventive guesswork could be fun!) And maybe you have questions of your own. If so, send them in. We'll add them to our list and print them on an ongoing basis each month as space permits. Please contact us by February 12 so we can meet the deadline for the March issue.

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Here are this month's Natural Mysteries:

1. Do whales and dolphins sleep? If so, how?
2. How do those little tree frogs make such a big noise?
3. Why are hummingbirds attracted to the colour red?
4. Why were there so many jellyfish around our beaches last summer?

We hope you can help. If we get answers to all our questions we'll soon know all there is to know! And remember, as this exercise demonstrates, you don't have to be an expert on anything to be a