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BioBlitz at Cascade Canal / Orene Weatherall Trail on Sunday, May 6

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Nevada City April 30, 2018 – On Sunday, May 6, SYRCL is teaming up with Bear Yuba Land Trust (BYLT) to offer a **BioBlitz** – a free event that focuses on finding and identifying as many species as possible in a specific area over a short period of time.

Bring the whole family and a picnic lunch to the Cascade Canal/ Orene Weatherall trail from 10 am – 2 pm. Enjoy spending time in your watershed and learning about the plants, animals, and fungi that live there. Wear comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing, walking shoes with good tread, bring plenty of water and anything else you need to have a fun, safe day!

No scientific experience is necessary – naturalists will be on hand to help identify species – just bring a camera, notebook and pencil or Smart Phone with the [iNaturalist app](#) downloaded. Data collected will help track the health of plant and wildlife habitat over time.

This BioBlitz is offered as part of the first annual Know Your Watershed Week, April 28 – May 6, organized by Wolf Creek Community Alliance. The public is invited to come celebrate the Yuba, Bear and American River watersheds with many family-friendly activities and volunteer events. Throughout the week, people of all ages will have the opportunity to learn what watershed they live in, discover what makes their watershed special, find out more about organizations that support watershed conservation, and have an enjoyable outdoor experience.

Check out BYLT's trail portal for trail descriptions and directions to the Cascade Canal/ Orene Weatherall trail. **Parking is limited, so please carpool. We will meet at the trailhead.**

Gracie Road Trailhead: Take either Gracie Road or Banner Lava Cap Road easterly (uphill) from Nevada City. The parking area is on the east side of Gracie Road, about 700 feet northwest (downhill) from the intersection with Banner-Lava Cap Road. Look for a "Cascade Canal Access Trail" sign on the east side of this parking area. If this lot is full, **overflow parking** is in the upper lot off Banner Lava Cap, then walk down Gracie Road. Please be mindful of neighbors and walk carefully along the roadside.

About SYRCL: The South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL, pronounced "circle") unites the community to protect and restore the Yuba River watershed. Founded in 1983 through a grassroots campaign to defend the South Yuba River from proposed hydropower dams, SYRCL has developed into a vibrant community organization with more than 3,500 members and volunteers based in Nevada City, CA. See: www.yubariver.org

WHAT: BioBlitz: An intense period of biological surveying to record all the living species within a designated area.

WHEN: Sunday, May 6, 2018 from 10 am – 2 pm

WHERE: Cascade Canal/ Orene Weatherall Trail Gracie Rd, Nevada City, CA 95959

COST: FREE

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