

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Monday, March 6, 2023

SE14-213 [Summit Centre]

12:30 - 1:30pm [light lunch provided]

The collaborative creation of **Buds, Branches and Bark: A Guide to Winter Identification in the Pacific Northwest**, a BCIT OER textbook

Have you ever wanted to create your own book, but don't know how to get started? Join Julia Alards-Tomalin, a BCIT instructor in the Renewable Resources program as she shares her 4-year journey in creating a winter plant identification textbook with students across programs at BCIT. This new book fills a gap in the field of plant identification in our region and is available to all as a free, online Open Education Resource (OER) field guide. In this session, you will learn more about the steps to create an OER book and hopefully be inspired to create your own too!

Buds, Branches and Bark: A Guide to Winter ID in the Pacific Northwest. Second Edition. 2022. by Julia Alards-Tomalin and Tait, Alex



Julia Alards-Tomalin is an instructor in the Renewable Resources department at BCIT. She studied Forestry and Ecological Restoration at BCIT and recently completed a Master of Education at Simon Fraser University. Her background is diverse, including horticulture, arboriculture, invasive species management and ecological restoration, but is united by a common theme of plants. Julia began creating and using Open Educational Resources (OER) in 2019, including the co-creation of a Youtube Channel: Interviews with Plants. <https://www.youtube.com/c/Interviewswithplants>

This talk is open to all members of the BCIT community. If you are interested in this event but cannot make it in-person, contact us - we are looking into offering hybrid in-person/virtual events.

Do you have some research, learning and teaching, and student success to promote our faculty, instructors and researchers, let us know. We'd love to add you to Food for Thought.