

Stoney Creek Trail Report

March, 2020

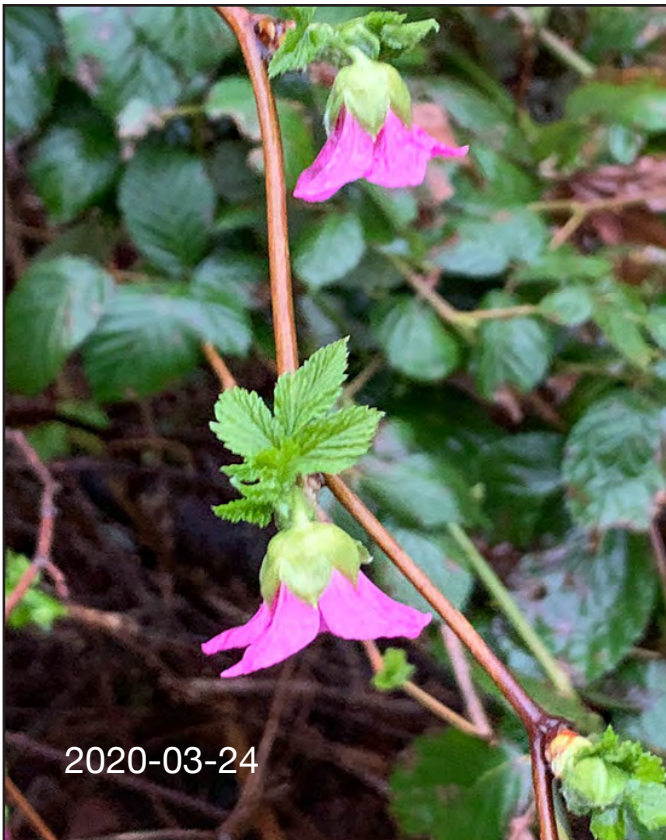


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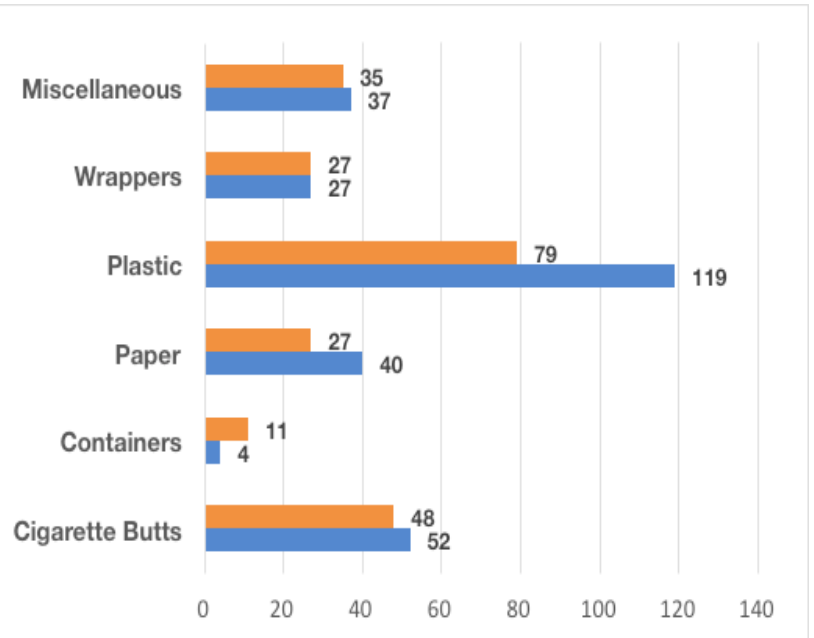
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The Indian plum have been flowering for much of the month, while the bitter cherry blossoms and salmonberry flowers are coming out in full just in the last week.



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LITTER: March TOTALS vs. 12 Month AVERAGE



Miscellaneous: clothing, glass, chewing gum, balls & fragments, etc.

Wrappers: candy wrappers, foil, cellophane

Plastic: doggy poo bags & scraps, plastic bags

Paper: tissues, napkins, receipts, newspaper, cardboard, etc.

Containers: bottles, coffee cups, cans, juice boxes, bottle tops

The total rainfall for the month was down slightly from February, but a stormy spell in the middle of the month brought winds gusting to over 75 km/h for three days. At YXX, a gust on the 14th was measured at 98 km/h!

These damaging winds brought down a few trees along the Trail. A large hemlock came down between Bridges 3 and 4. Although it is across the creek, it is not obstructing the path.

Very close to Bridge 2, part of a large cedar came down, destroying a section of fence. It could have been much worse – destroying the bridge handrail – but luckily it didn't. The City crew had the fence nicely repaired and the downed tree removed within 10 days.



Cedar twigs strewn near Bridge 4.
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Hemlock down, 2020-03-15



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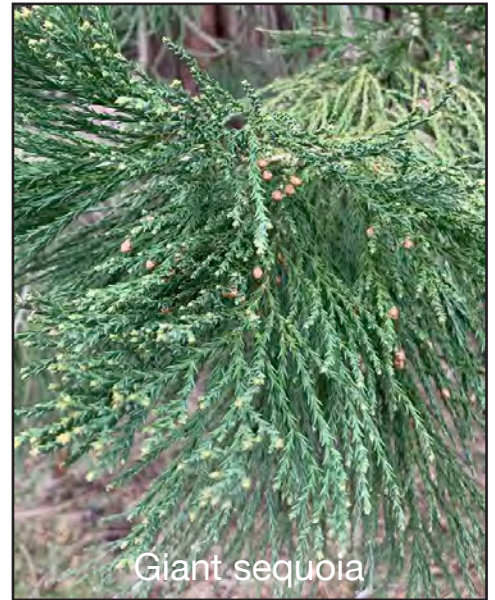
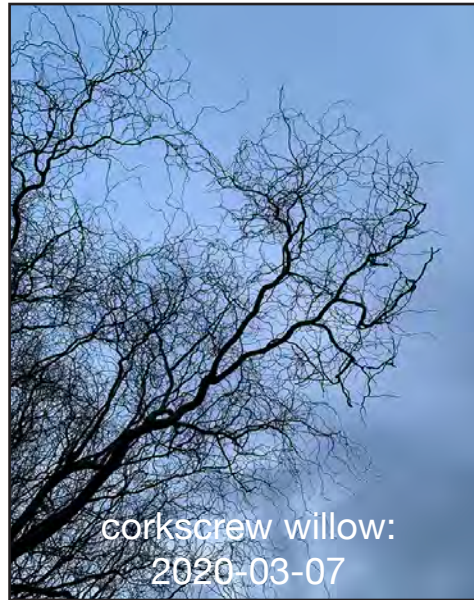
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Nice repair job!

House plants gone wild?

Over the years, several kinds of non-native flora have taken root along the upper part of the Trail. Some, like these snowdrops and a house plant with variegated leaves (calathea?) were probably tossed over a back fence.

Trees such as a corkscrew willow, cherry plum, red oak and giant sequoia were probably planted there when the area was still farmland, years ago.



And finally, a few other items of interest to mention...

Dave Rutherford

