



Tick season is upon us

The warm weather we are experiencing these days provokes increased activity in critters of all sorts. This is also true for the deer tick, the vector of Lyme disease, which has more frequently been found in southern Québec in recent years. In response to this situation, l'Institut national de Santé publique du Québec has implemented sampling for deer ticks in parks, to estimate their distribution in southern Québec. In the last two years of sampling in the Arboretum, their search has produced no result: no ticks have been found here so far, whereas in some parks, especially in the Montérégie area, tick counts were high.

Although these results are reassuring for our members and visitors, we must keep in mind that ticks are now part of our environment and understand that this is the new reality. During the warm season anyone who spends time outdoors, as well as their pets, whether in the Arboretum or our own backyards, should take precautions to prevent tick bites. Useful guidelines can be found on government web sites such as this one:

<http://sante.gouv.qc.ca/en/problemes-de-sante/maladie-de-lyme/>

We look forward to an enjoyable summer free from tick bites.



Reminder

Survive in the Wild: Useful Plants

Saturday, May 19, 2018, 10 am – 1 pm

Plants are your friends, but they can only help you if you get to know them first! In this activity, come with Sarah Dixon and learn about the kinds of trees and forest plants that provide everything from rope to emergency medicine.

Pre-register 514-398-7811 | [More info](#)



Reminder Jupiter at Opposition

Saturday, May 19, 2018, 7:30 – 11 pm

The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) Montreal Centre is holding a Star Party featuring a one-hour talk by Prof. Michael Pagano of John Abbott College. If the sky is clear, the conference will be followed by outdoor observation.

No reservation | [More info](#)



Astronomy: Looking up

Saturday, May 26, 2018, 7:30 – 11 pm

The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) Montreal Centre is holding a Star Party featuring a one-hour talk by Prof. Tony Moffat who will present some of the latest, most exciting discoveries in astronomy. If the sky is clear, the conference will be followed by outdoor observation.

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