

# Nature and Culture:

Reflections on the Journey  
from Biodiversity and Culture  
to *Biocultural* Diversity  
*with Nancy Turner*

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Predominant in western thinking is the dichotomy between “nature” and “culture”, with humans seen to be above and dominant over nature. Many societies, however, embrace a different philosophy in that humans are part of nature, and that we have responsibilities towards other species as we do to our own kin.

Join Nancy Turner as we explore why thinking of the importance not only of biodiversity, but of biocultural diversity, can help us frame our attitudes, our governance systems, and our very understandings of what it is to be human, and may help us to become responsible players in the world’s ecosystems.



**Nancy Turner** is an ethnobotanist, Distinguished Professor and Hakai Professor in Ethnobotany in the School of Environmental Studies, University of Victoria. She has worked with First Nations’ elders and cultural specialists in northwestern North America for over 40 years documenting and promoting their traditional knowledge of plants and habitats. She has authored or co-authored over 20 books and over 125 book chapters and papers. Her awards include membership in the Order of British Columbia (1999) and the Order of Canada (2009).

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