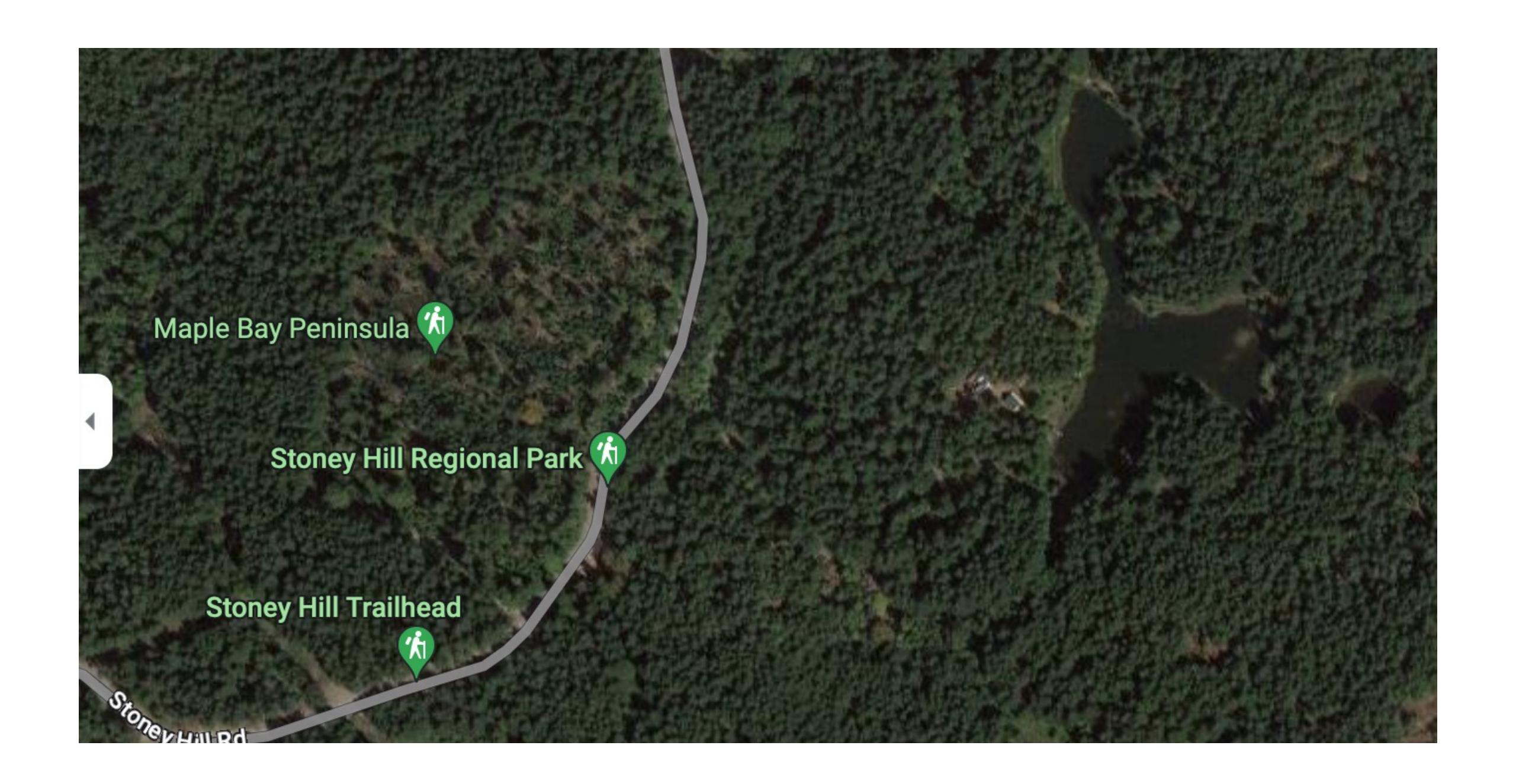
CERCA explores Bats-Ultrasonic Citizen Science

The Beginning



Webinar Training on use of Wildlife Acoustics Echometer April 29, 2021 Presented by Tim Ennis

BC Bats, North Island chapter: https://bcbats.ca/regions/north-island/

Research Objectives:

-bat species present in N Island
-their relative abundance (bat count)
-their preferred habitats
-other natural history traits

-Education and Outreach A great model for us to consider!

The webinar: introduction to using the Wildlife Acoustics Echometer Touch 2 Pro. -setup for local species detection -data recording There were several CERCA invitations to listen in

for you or at least ways to find out more about these fascinating flyers. We are now part of the Community Bat Program of BC (https://bcbats.ca) where you can discover Bat Basics (dispelling myths about bats), how to deal with bats in buildings (Got Bats?) and how to get involved in community programs (Get Involved). On Vancouver Island there is the community bat program of Habitat Acquisition Trust (https://www.bc.ca/bats) for South VI where you can learn what you can do to help bats.



CERCA is acquiring an electronic bat detector (Echo Meter Touch 2 Pro) from Wildlife Acoustics (https://www.wildlifeacoustics.com) so we can monitor the nine species of local bats



2021 Bat Study
-CERCA acquired several echo meters
-available to members for small rental fees -19 sites in Cowichan Valley were monitored -9 species detected; lessons learned; great interest

Bat Monitoring 2021 Final Report 2021 results reported on our new website: Go to: News; Blog; 22/06/01

CERCA got hooked on Bats!