The District of Metchosin recognizes 'Invasive Species Week' once again July 1 to 7. Of course, invasive species are with us all year around, but it is timely to be reminded that they are an ongoing problem when the brilliant yellow bursts of broom, gorse and tansy ragwort start to flare up every Spring. (Speaking of tansy, just a quick reminder...deadhead and bag the heads and take them to the dump, and just pull out the remainder of the plant and let it lay. Unfortunately, if you do not actually remove the flower heads, it will just reseed itself.)

Insect bio-diversity is crucial to many ecological functions and native plants are an important reservoir of food and habitat for these critical members of our environment. Let's do what we can to ensure their continued survival by dealing with invasive species.

It can be daunting to think of all the challenges facing the planet, but there is a myriad of ways to get involved in making a positive difference in your environment, starting right here at home. Do your part by celebrating 'Invasive Species Week' in your own back yard or neighbourhood.

Remember SEE IT SPROUT...TUG IT OUT!