

## **Instructional Video 8. Needleleaf Forest, Pacific Spirit, June 2020**

So, here we are back in the needleleaf forest in mid-June. Again, [um] even shadier now with all the deciduous species leafed out... One of which is that member of the *Acer* genus or Maple genus that I referred to before, which is an understory, small tree in this forest that manages to tolerate the low-light conditions.

Lots of understory vegetation here [some of which has leafed out since the previous video in early spring]. But again, much shadier here [than in the broadleaf forest at Stop 1].

So, just have a look around you in the photo-sphere [360 video] and you should see a variety of different fern species. Particularly sword fern... is very prominent, as well as lots and lots of decaying wood and what we talked about before: those tip up mounds. I can see a number of them here suggesting the cycle of birth and death having gone on.