

Chilliwack Field Naturalists Club Annual Report 2017-2018

Janne Perrin, Vice President

MEMBERSHIP

- 32 registered members; 22 single, 7 family, and 3 corporate (drop of 1 member from 2016-2017)

FIELD TRIPS

March 26, 2017	Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve with EFV NatureKids
April 15, 2017	Mill Lake
April 30, 2017	Stein Valley Provincial Park
May 6, 2017	Camp Slough Wildlife Area
May 19, 2017	Cheam Wetland Regional Park & Hope Airport with LFN
June 1, 2017	Skagit Provincial Park, with LFN
June 20, 2017	Annual Picnic, Camp River Wildlife Area
July 27, 2017	Manning Provincial Park Alpine Meadows
August 3, 2016	Cheam Lake Wetland Regional Park, with DNS
August 22, 2017	Jack Jackaman's Annual Picnic and Browne Creek Wetland
October 13, 2017	Chilliwack Valley with LFN - Birds & Fungi
October 28, 2017	Chilliwack Valley - Salmon & Fungi
November 26, 2017	Reifel Bird Sanctuary
January 20, 2018	Hope River Annual Walk

PRESENTATIONS

March 21, 2017	Eddie Gardner - Risks of Net-pen Salmon Farms
April 18, 2017	BCIT Students – Comparative Study of Wells Sanctuary and Camp Slough Wildlife Area, two Nature Trust of BC Properties
May 16, 2017	Dennis St. John – Butterflies
September 19, 2017	Sharmin Gamiet – Mushrooms of the Fraser Valley
October 17, 2017	Colin Levings – Ecology of Salmonids
November 21, 2017	Sean Boyd - Snow Geese, Marshes & Management
January 16, 2018	Member's Night Presentations
February 20, 2018	Jessie Corey – Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society – BC Projects

SUPPORT

- Lower Fraser Fisheries Alliance approved to call on us as a Habitat Restoration Partner for their projects - April 2017
- CFN put forward Eddie Gardner's name for the Glen Davies Conservation Award – April 2017
- Letter of support for the 2017 season for Quercus Ecological continuation of their 2016 FWCP work in the Wahleach Watershed - May 2017

- President annual report March 2018 CFN members assisted in yellow flag iris control at the Cheam Lake Wetland Regional Park along with the Eastern Fraser Valley NatureKids – May 22, 2017
- Cynthia Berg, whose name CFN submitted for NatureKids Daphne Solecki Award, received it at the September 2017 Vernon BCN FGM. CFN sponsored her trip
- CFN participated in a University of Toronto Departments of Political Science & Geography survey of NGO environmental organizations in BC – March 9, 2018
- CFN agreed to send a member to participate in the Chilliwack Advisory ATV Group – March 6, 2017

LETTERS.

- Letter to local MLA and signed the petition of the Ancient Forest Alliance's campaign to preserve the bald eagle roost at Echo Lake – May 2017
- Thank you note from Cynthia Berg - October 2017
- Letter of Support to the Suzuki Foundation's Blue Dot campaign for the "right to a healthy environment" clause into Canada's Environmental Protection Act – February 2018
- Letter from Karl Ritter regarding the health state of long-time CFN member Marilyn Cran. February 2018
- Email from Ian Stephen, Program Coordinator of the Waterwealth Project, thanking CFN's donation made by CFM. March 12, 2018

GRANTS

- Chilliwack Foundation Awarded CFN \$2345.62 for a Wildflower Pollinator Planting at Camp Slough Wildlife Area in April 2018

DONATIONS

- Pipe Up Chilliwack \$100 – February 6, 2018
- Waterwealth Project Chilliwack \$100 – February 6, 2017
- Adopt A Whale Vancouver \$45 – February 6, 2018

EVENTS

- CFN continued meeting at the Neighbourhood Learning Centre, 46361 Chilliwack.
- CFN continued our monthly maintenance work party at the Camp Slough Wildlife Area on Saturday mornings in winter and Wednesday evening in summer
- CFN continued to maintain our www.chilliwackfieldnaturalists.com site with Janne Perrin Webmaster. Monthly stats report range from 60 to 100 hits a month.
- Scott Denkers & Janne Perrin continued to maintain "chilliwackfieldnats" FaceBook page. All executive members given posting access in March 2018
- CFN continued to support the Eastern Fraser Valley NatureKids Group with a page on our Website and as speakers
- CFN field trips run monthly and to complement our speaker's topics whenever possible
- Annabelle Rempel continued to present comprehensive Conservation Reports at Executive meetings
- CFN is arranging a second "Harrison Eagle & Salmon" Field Camp based in the Harrison Salmon Stronghold for BCN to be held November 22-25, 2018

- Janne Perrin presented a talk on “schoolyard birds” to Robertson Elementary NatureKids group. April 25, 2017
- Janne Perrin accompanied Watershed Watch Salmon Society on a canoe tour of the Hope Slough and gave a waterside talk on the history of the Camp Slough Wildlife Area property that CFN stewards – May 27, 2017
- Janne Perrin, CFN BCN Director, & Helen Turner, President attended the BCN AGM in Lillooet. May 4-6, 2017
- CFN received a \$100 honorarium for Janne’s talk “Nature Nearby” to the FVRD Summer Fun Camp, Hope, BC. August 14, 2016
- Janne Perrin, CFN BCN Director, & Cynthia Berg, Daphne Solecki Award recipient, attended the BCN FGM in Vernon. September 21-24, 2017
- Janne presented a talk on birds and led a group of EFV NatureKids at the GBHNR during the CBC4Kids. December 3, 2017.
- Harrison Christmas Bird Count December 14, 2017
- Chilliwack Christmas Bird Count December 16, 2017 followed by potluck supper at Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve.
- Denis Knopp coordinated both the Chilliwack and Harrison River Bird Counts
- Fernando Selles stepped up as field trip coordinator March 6, 2018.
- Janne Perrin instructed a beginning birders course for the GBHNR – March 10, 2018

CAMP RIVER WILDLIFE AREA

- The monthly CFN Coffee Cutter crew continued battling the blackberries at the site.
- August 2017, erected a barn owl box on made by the EFV Nature Kids.
- Requested new signage from Nature Trust regarding public use of the site in response to concerns from neighbours. Posted new signs west and east gates.
- With Mainland Conservation Crew (LMCC) evaluated success of overseeding with short grass/nectar species in comparison to seeding after tillage.
- With LMCC dug blackberry roots from large plot in the field.
- With Samantha Penner (Field Operations Technician) wrote an updates management plan for the property.
- Drinkwater Environmental Services continued the ongoing chemical control of Japanese Knotweed.