

CHILLIWACK FIELD NATURALISTS

Fall – 2017



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MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Dennis gave a presentation on the biology of butterflies using examples of butterflies from the Fraser and Okanagan-Similkameen valleys. Wing shape and its relation to the flight style, the biology of "puddling", and the relationship between blues and their relatives with ants were discussed. On June 1st Dennis co-led a trip to the Skagit with Jude Grass for both LFN & CFN Thanks so much Dennis for both!

FIELD TRIPS

Skagit Valley June 1, 2017

Several CFN members joined naturalists from two other Valley clubs to drive to Ross Lake in the Skagit Valley.

The day turned out to be fine after preceding rainy ones. Nesting violet-green and Rough-winged swallows in the drill holes at Silver Lake



carried nesting material. Whitworth Meadows had few butterflies but a white-bottomed, *Bombus occidentalis*, bumblebee that has a COSEWIC status of threatened was observed.

Picnic Camp Slough June 20, 2017

With a beautiful June evening to entice members, a good number came & enjoyed a riot



of flowering shrubs & singing birds at this 8-ha restored Wildlife Area. Four hardy members

who stayed until dark were rewarded with flitting little brown myotis in the trees but none in the

installed bat boxes. Thank you to stewards, Denis Knopp and Lee Larkin, for the tour.

Manning Park July 27, 2017

Six CFN members saw 17 different bird species in addition to pikas (*Ochotona daurica*) in a rocky area near the trailhead parking lot; quite an entertaining bunch. Despite the hot summer weather, because of the snowy



winter and cold spring, the wild flowers in the moister areas of the meadows were just starting to get to their peak, and we were able to see a larger variety of species in bloom than we have seen in the past four or five years

Thank you Paulina Selles for leading, write-up & photo!

Browne Creek Wetlands August 22, 2017



An enthusiastic group walked the Kingfisher trail to the rattle of the resident bird on the day after the eclipse of the sun. Blackcapped chickadees called

from butterfly bushes that are actually invasive but have perfumed blooms attractive many insects. The blooming late summer flowers mostly blue flax & tansy are also invasive. Equestrians shared the woods with us. After the walk we picnicked under the chestnut trees in our host's, Jack Jackaman's, lovely yard and enjoyed a cup of tea. Thanks Jack!

THIS AND THAT:

Camp-Hope Slough Paddle

Janne accompanied the local Watershed Watch Salmon Society on May 27 with a large flotilla of watercraft to tour the Hope Slough from Reeves Road to Corbould Park near Young Road. The flotilla stopped at the Camp Slough property to hear the history of the project. The Society is intent on improving the state of this waterway.

Summer Shows Janne presented "Backyard Birding" at the Seniors Speakers Series in Agassiz June 22 and "Nature Nearby" to the kids at FVRD Summer Fun in Hope August 14. Helping the public "know nature" is part of our motto.

Remember CFN meetings start at 7:00 PM this September onward.