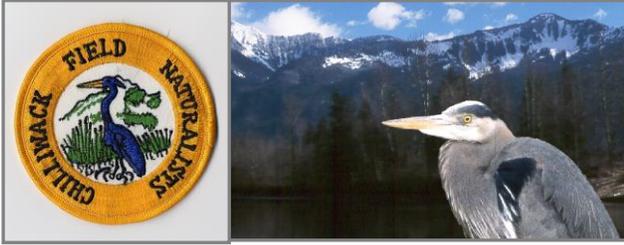


September – 2016



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MEETINGS

1. Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Dr. Eric Anderson’s grey whale and surf scoter presentation wowed us all. Surf scoters breed in the Arctic, winter in Mexico and eat clams whole, depleting the beds before moving on. Grey whales guide them to beds. Grey whales scoop mud from the bottom leaving pits. Threats to both are habitat loss, oil spills, exotic species invasion and declining marine fish. Following Dr Anderson’s talk, Pacific Flyway Ambassadors, Dustin and Khiran, shared a bird counting journey from UBC to the Nass and back. The interconnectedness, uncertainty and the importance of monitoring populations are paramount.

FIELD TRIPS

1. Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve –Sun. May 29



Five members had an extraordinary walk on the Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve. Vic and Helen

identified the lush trees and shrubs. Our total bird count was 27 species including a Bullock’s Oriole and a Pileated Woodpecker. A raccoon peeking out from a hole in a tree, a coyote on the bank of the west slough and the bunnies on the trail, made our day. **Text & Photo: Janet Pollock**

2. Camp River Wildlife (CRWA) Annual Picnic – June 21, 2016

Barred owls & nanny goats greeted 17-people on a fine summer evening. The Nature Trust youth crew outlined TNT’s mandate & Denis & Lee led a walk-a-bout of this lovely property.

3. Botanie Valley Trip –Thurs. June 23 2016

Chilliwack Field Naturalists had a great trip to beautiful Botanie Valley. Many thanks to Lytton First Nation for granting access to such a special place, Terry Letcher for organizing and Denis Knopp, Lee Larkin and others for providing extensive knowledge on flora and fauna. See our [Facebook](#) page for photos. -Scott Denkers

3. Manning Alpine – Wed. July 20, 2016

Our trip to Manning Park was very enjoyable, the weather was great and the group, while only five, had a good time. We saw many different birds, flowers & tourists enjoying



this spectacular place. At the first lookout, the Ravens, Clarke’s Nutcrackers, & chipmunks greeted us. In the alpine, the group walked the Heather & Paintbrush trails. Afterwards, at Lightening Lake some walked around the first lake. After supper in Hope we traveled home.

Text: Terry Letcher Photo: Paulina Selles

4. Browne Creek– Wed. Aug. 24, 2016

Eight of us picnicked on Jack Jackaman’s shady property on a lovely summer day. Many walked the newly restored wetland observing birds, plants and machines mending the dyke.

THIS 'n THAT

1. Janne talked on wild bees at FVRD Summer Day Camp July 6. Finding 80-people in the audience was a shock – Western Canada Summer SMA camp families came too. We get a \$100 donation for the service.
2. Expect Barn owls at CRWA. At Coffee Cutters August 3rd, CFN & TNT put up a pole for a box donated by NatureKids.
3. October is the time to clean Mason Bee hives. Come to the September 20th meeting to hear [Hugh Laughlin](#) & Cynthia Berg’s talk.



Photos: J. Perrin



Nanny goats across the Camp River & Barred owl in a Red Alder at CRWA