

**Winter – 2020**

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**MEETINGS**

**1. Tuesday, September 17, 2019**

Biologist Myles Lamont's talk on Sandhill cranes enlightened us on the new genus name of "Antigone" rather than "Grus" for this iconic bird. Only 10 nesting pairs are left in the Fraser Valley. Myles has an ongoing study to band cranes, track them through telemetry and to raise public awareness. Historically cranes nested throughout the valley.



*Myles Lamont with our Speaker Coordinator, Lee Larkin*

**2. Tuesday, October 15, 2019**

Rick Mahoney and Matt Fortowsky presented important information on invasive species in the Fraser Valley. Invasives are introduced plants or animals that out compete native species. Download the **Report-a-Weed app** to share your sightings. Noxious Weeds and Aquatic Invasives Field guides and other useful brochures were given out. [ISCBC](#) has many education and prevention programs in place including "Grow Me Instead", and "Don't Let It Loose"

**3. Tuesday November 19, 2019**

Lina Azeez gave a great presentation on Watershed Watch Salmon Society's work to map salmon streams with impediments that are creating degradation to the aquatic habitats. Lina discussed her work with various cities in the Fraser Valley and some of the accomplishments to enhance aquatic habitat and adaptations to improve water flow.

**FIELD TRIPS**

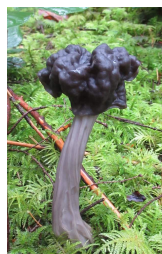
**1. Blackies Spit Sat. Sept. 21, 2019**

A long-billed curlew and a Caspian tern were highlights of this trip to Crescent Beach in south Surrey. We also met up with some Delta Naturalists

who were also enjoying the bright fall day. In total we observed 51 species of birds

**2. Angel-wings Fish Channel Sun. Oct. 20, 2019**

Although only a few Coho were observed the plethora of mushrooms along the Centennial trail made up for it. Black Elfin Saddle (photo), Bird's Nest & Red Jelly Tongue are some of the exotic species observed. The lush understory of sword, lady, licorice and bracken fern along with Oregon grape, lush mosses and salal made this outing one to repeat.



**3. Reifel Bird Sanctuary Thu. November 7, 2019**

An enthusiastic group enjoyed Reifel on what proved to be a decent day. Over 40 species of birds were observed with black-crowned night posing but snow geese only doing a fly-by. A pair of Short-eared owls chased a Northern Harrier on the west marsh calling to each other to coordinate the attack. Bold red-winged blackbirds, cheery black-capped chickadees and shy red-breasted nuthatches took feed from our hands.

**THIS 'n THAT**

**1. Christmas Bird Counts 2019**

Denis Knopp coordinated the Chilliwack and Harrison River Christmas 2019 Bird Counts. The Harrison River Count on December 17 had 75 species and 10870 individuals including 397 bald eagles and 548 dark-eyed juncos. The Chilliwack Count, December 14, netted 101 species and 36297 individuals with 130 red-shafted flickers and 1551 dark-eyed juncos. Janet Pollock coordinated the Pot Luck Supper at the GBHNR afterwards. Suet feeders courtesy of Armstrong Seeds and Bird Studies Canada were given out in the prize draw. Thanks Denis & Janet.

**2. Bird Brochure**

Fernando Selles is heading up this project. 54 birds are included. Club birders are now writing descriptions. Target date for publication is March. Many thanks to all helping out.

**3. AGM March 17<sup>th</sup> 2020**

The AGM will be at our usual meeting place with ordered-in pizza for \$10. *Glyn Williams-Jones, talks on both active and dormant Volcanoes in BC* and how climate change is affecting their activity. If you would consider stepping up to an executive position, let Denis know. We 20-year veterans need a break!

**4. Our [Face Book Page](#)** has a wealth of information on our club activities and current environmental news. Our [website](#) is under transition and is not as helpful. After 15-years, Janne is retiring as webmaster. Scott will take over. Thanks, Scott!