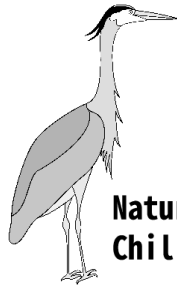


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MEETINGS

Because of Covid19 Health Regulations in-person meetings had to be cancelled. For September, we sent out a link to independent film maker, Jocelyn Demers film, “The Future of Birds,” It describes how important birds are for healthy ecosystems and economies.

On October 20, 2020 we held a virtual AGM via Skype. Officers ratified were Janne Perrin, President, Cole Stahl, VP, Scott Denkers, Secretary and Janet Pollock, Treasurer. We sent out a link for Environment Canada Biologist’s, Tara Imlay, talk ‘Bird Strikes’ that alerted us to the dangers of windows, our home one’s causing the most fatalities. Tara is collecting bird carcasses for her ongoing study. Bag & freeze any you find & contact her tara.imlay@canada.ca to collect it. The study ends summer 2021.

For our November 17, 2020 we provided a link to a presentation by David Hancock, the bald eagle expert, on the return of the Eagles to the Harrison River.

At our January 19, 2021 meeting we will be showing award winning film, “The Last Mountain Caribou,” at our virtual meeting via Skype.

FIELD TRIPS

1. Chilliwack Community Forest & Lexw Qwo:m Sat. Sept. 26, 2020

Lemx Qwo:m, is Halq'emeylem for “mossy forest” and these two forest walks in the eastern valley didn’t disappoint. Members hiked both these adjacent forests on a rather rainy day. The coffee at Charis Camp Cedar & Moss Café’s outdoor seating area after was most welcome.



Photo: J. Perrin

2. Angel Wings Saturday October 17 2020

This Chilliwack River Valley forest walk featured mushrooms, spawning salmon and old growth forest. See this [Facebook](#) link for more photos.



Photo L. Larkin “Rosy Russula”

3. Reifel Bird Sanctuary Sat. November 14, 2020

Debra Cornish submitted this photo of a wood duck pair from the Reifel Sanctuary trip. Many other water fowl were observed. Other photos she shared had song birds taking seed from outstretched hands.



THIS 'n THAT

1. Denis Knopp coordinated the **Chilliwack and Harrison River Christmas 2020 Bird Counts**. The Harrison Count on December 14 had a California scrub jay & an orange-crowned warbler as well as a Northern Saw-whet owl for count week. The Chilliwack Count, December 19 yielded large numbers of American Wigeon with 6000 in one field, but bird numbers were lower than previous years.
2. Our **Bird Brochure** is published and distributed. Members received a hard copy in the post. They are available at the Wild Bird Store and from the library if you borrow a bird watchers pack. We are exploring further distribution venues. An education version link is on our [website](#) on the **publication page**.
3. This page also has a new link at the bottom to Members photos of local flora, fauna and previous club field trips. Contact [Scott](#) to contribute photos.
4. Our [Facebook](#) has an array of educational and conservation articles.
5. See our Nature Guides @ BC Nature’s Viewing Site <https://bcnature.org/find-a-bc-nature-site/>