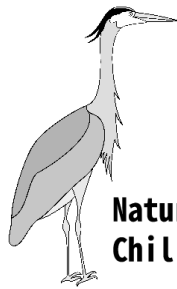


**Summer– 2021**

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**MEETINGS**

Because of COVID-19 Health Regulations in-person meetings were cancelled. Starting in September, Health Regulations permitting, we hope to meet at the [Neighbourhood Learning Centre](#) 46361 Yale Road, Chilliwack

1. March 16, 2021 at our Zoom AGM the guest Speaker was [Rob Butler](#), biologist, birder and SFU professor. He shared his film “Returning – Journey to the Salish Sea” and answered questions. Elected as Executive: Janne Perrin-President, Cole Stahl-VP, Scott Denkers-Secretary and Janet Pollock-treasurer.
2. April 20, 2021 [Michelle Jackson's](#) Barn swallow talk told us that nesting near water and a big field is the best habitat as the bugs are better quality.
3. May 18, 2021 [Andreas Fischer](#) made spiders far less spooky. Spiders are divided into free roamers and orb weavers. Orb weavers eat their web before moving on to a better spot to re-spin it. A black widow does exist in BC and is our only medically significant spider although the venom is not strong enough to kill you.
4. In September [Terry McIntosh](#), UBC professor emeritus & moss expert, is set to appear in person at the [Neighbourhood Learning Centre](#). Hopefully regulations will allow. We hope to have him lead a follow-up field trip.

**FIELD TRIPS**

Monthly field trips are resuming with Covid-19 health regulations of physical distancing, sign in and masks if 2-metres not possible. We start with an evening picnic at our own Camp River Wildlife Area. In July we do our traditional alpine flower trip to Manning. We leave the date “TBA” as the height of the bloom depends on the warmth of the summer. The same is true for the giant salamander hunt at in August. You will be notified of the dates by email.

**THIS 'n THAT**

1. **Annabelle and Walter Rempel**  
[Annabelle Rempel](#), longtime Club member, passed away May 1, 2021. She, along with her husband, [Walter](#), who passed away in July 2020,

joined the Chilliwack Field Naturalists Club in the 1980's. Walter never missed a Christmas Bird count and once chased a rare Prairie Falcon with his scope forgotten on the top of his truck. Happily it was still there when he caught up with the falcon.



Annabelle, who made the best treats for Executive meetings, was our Conservation Chair from 1990 to 2019. Many of

her hand written [conservation reports](#) are available on our website. She coordinated our Christmas Bird Counts until 2002. She was honoured in 2000 and 2019 with a Service Award from BC Nature Club. Both Annabelle and Walter, who were married for 72 years, are dearly missed.



2. Camp River Wildlife Area owls have been a popular area with photographers lately. This is problematic as one enterprising enthusiast even had climbing gear to get a better view. With the help of Nature Trust signs are posted asking visitors to respect wildlife. This photo of the barred owl family eating a grey squirrel was taken by one of the respectful photographers.



Photo: William Snow

3. [Facebook](#) , [Flickr](#) and our [website](#) are a wealth of information for members. Please share any interesting observations you have on Facebook. You can submit photos for Flickr by sending them to either [Janne](#) or [Scott](#). Remember to be only general in location of any wildlife information or photos you post on Facebook to deter the *Paparazzi Photographers*.