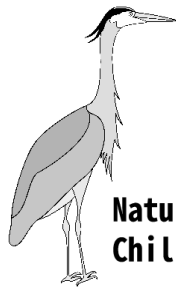


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MEETINGS

For the next three months we meet via Zoom on varied days of the week according to availability of the speaker. Please check the calendar. When we resume in person evenings, our meeting night is changed to the **THIRD MONDAY** of the month at the [Neighbourhood Learning Centre](#). 46361 Yale Road, Chilliwack. Tuesdays are no longer available to us at this very central facility.

No general meetings with speakers are held during summer months.

FIELD TRIPS

1. On June 17, our Camp River Wildlife Area annual summer picnic was well attended. It was postponed from the 15th due to rain! Mock orange in full bloom, sweat or mining bee ground nests and the barred owl delighted us. Thank you to Denis and Lee for the tour.
2. Monthly field trips resumed over the summer following Covid-19 health regulations of physical distancing, sign in and masks if 2-metres distancing not possible.
3. In July we did not go on our traditional alpine flower trip to Manning because of wildfire and unusually hot weather. That is the second year in a row that changing weather has scuttled it!
4. The trip to Lexw Qwo:m and Chilliwack Community Forest on August 31 with 6 club members yielded no Pacific Giant Salamanders despite much creek dipping by 3 naturalists. The cool weather brought out many Pacific Banana Slugs, a native to BC.
5. Banana slug can come in various colours including yellow, green, reddish brown, grey and white with or without spotting. Note the ridge



down its back (keel), relatively smooth mantle and vertically striped foot, distinctive features of our native Banana slug. The European black slug has a heavily wrinkled body and round back. Now everyone will be out there with their magnifying glasses! This guide from Mayne Island has good pictures of the heavy wrinkles on the body of the European black slug.

<https://mayneconservancy.ca/land-slugs-and-your-garden/>.

THIS 'n THAT

1. [Annabelle Rempel](#), longtime Club member, who passed away May 2021, and her husband, [Walter](#) who died July 2020 left a gift of \$2500 to Nature Chilliwack. As you know from an email, your Executive, with approval from Annabelle's and Walter's daughter, Alexis, will send the donation to the [BC Naturalists' Foundation](#). The Foundation promotes the preservation of the natural environment for future generations through conservation, education and research projects.
2. BC Nature awarded us \$250 for our submissions to [BC Nature Guide](#). Thank you to the many members who helped.
3. A team of dedicated Nature Chilliwack members go to Camp River Wildlife Area once a month to do maintenance and monitoring. Two species of owls, Barred and Horned, have been observed. Here's a photo of one of Nature Trust's "respect wildlife" signs. Zoom in to read the message. It is mounted at the base of the owl box located along the edge of the field area. We hope a barn owl may eventually occupy it. Check out this [link for the history](#) of the property:
4. On August 31st Scott reported 765 followers of our [Facebook](#). Nature articles generate high interest with the August 18th article on violets receiving 1090 hits.
5. Dr. Tara Imlay is collecting bird carcasses in the final year of her research on anthropogenic (human-caused) mortality of birds in southwestern British Columbia. She's asking members of the public to store the frozen carcass in a Ziploc (or similar) bag and contact her at the Canadian Wildlife Service (tara.imlay@ec.gc.ca) to arrange pickup. A record of the day and location where the bird was found will be needed.

