

Spring – 2022

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**MEETINGS**

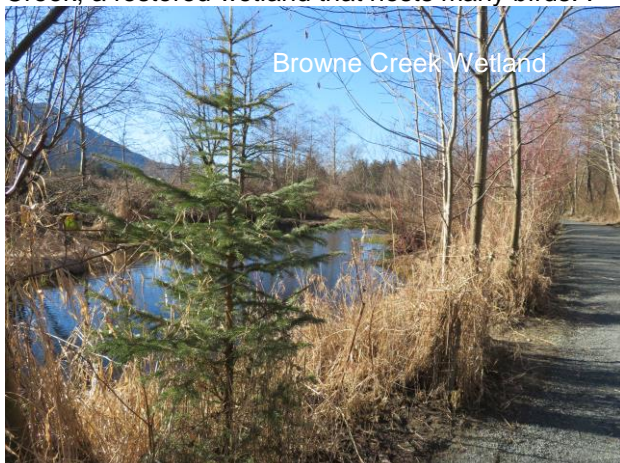
Until September 2022 we will meet by Zoom. After that we plan to resume in person evening meeting at the [Neighbourhood Learning Centre](#), 46361 Yale Road, Chilliwack. We hope to be able to book Tuesdays but will have to wait to see if it'll be available to us.

**SPEAKERS**

1. January was members' night. Several members shared photos, Scott Denkers on a Florida trip, Denis Knopp on rare species seen around BC, Janet Pollock on birds at the GBHNR and Janne Perrin on nature close to home.
2. Aleesha Switzer spoke on the rare (Oregon Spotted frog) & common (Pacific Chorus) amphibians of BC in February. Many are now listed species. She encouraged members to report their observations to [Frog Finders](#).
3. In March Gregg Breed, now at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, spoke on Climate-driven changes in northeastern US *butterfly* communities. Southern species are moving north and northern species numbers are falling.

**FIELD TRIPS**

1. Many members enjoyed the annual Hope River-Corbould Park winter walk on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, a fine sunny day. In total 24 species of birds were seen including common goldeneye, varied thrush, trumpeter swans and both red and yellow-shafted northern flickers.
2. On February 12, another nice day, we visited Brown Creek, a restored wetland that hosts many birds. .



We recorded 23 species with the noisy belted

kingfishers and Bewick's wrens serenading us. Lunch on the patio at a Yarrow cafe was a pleasant ending to the trip.

3. Weather again smiled on us for our March 5<sup>th</sup> annual trip to observe the nesting great blue herons at the local reserve. The herons were busy building and defending their stick nests high in the cottonwoods with the bald eagle looking on. 33 species were submitted to e-bird with a white-throated sparrow and a sharp-shinned hawk gracing the list.



**THIS 'n THAT**

1. **Camp River Wildlife Area:** The November ice storm caused blocked trails with fallen branches and broken trees. Nature Trust BC closed the area to the public and it remains locked. See photos on [Flickr](#): However our stewards have keys to facilitate monthly maintenance parties and the NTBC crew is slowly clearing the blown down. It is anticipated it will be open for our June picnic!
2. **2022 - 2023 Executive:** Janne Perrin, president; Cole Stahl, VP; Janet Pollock, treasurer; Scott Denkers, secretary. Mercedes Bustamante appointed membership secretary.
3. **Facebook & Flickr:** Our [Facebook](#) page is a wealth of nature knowledge. Recent posts include articles on the Rufus hummingbird, breeding red-legged frogs, Biggs whale in BC waters and the native hanging fly that feeds on coltsfoot. Sadly few new contributions to our [Flickr](#) albums.
4. **BC Nature Magazine.** Spring 2022 features an article on red columbine by Lee Larkin, a long-time member of our club. Thanks Lee for contributing.
5. **BC Nature** recently announced that President Harry Crosby stepped down. Alan Burger, immediate past president is acting. BC Nature is working on building membership after pandemic years' losses.
6. **[Eastern Fraser Valley NatureKids](#)** We met with Ashley Tyler, volunteer leader. She's looking for mentors for Explorer days - specifically for owls, invasive species and birds. Contact [Janne Perrin](#) if you can help.
7. **BC Government Health Protocols:** After April 8<sup>th</sup> Proof of Covid Vaccination is no longer required at in-person events. That includes our field trips.