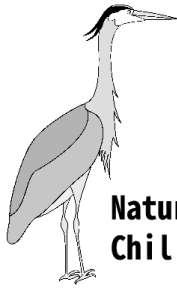


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MEETINGS

In September, we resume in-person evening meetings at the [Neighbourhood Learning Centre](#) 46361 Yale Road, Chilliwack. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month.

SPEAKERS

1. Our September speaker is Howard Bailey who will speak on Raptors. He is especially interested in the nesting Peregrine falcons in Abbotsford and has done a lot of raptor surveys through the province.

FIELD TRIPS

1. One of the few rainy days of summer this year, fell on June 21, the day of our annual picnic at Cheam Lake Wetland Regional Park. None the less flowers bloomed and birds sang for our after supper walk along the creek trail.



Pacific Nine Bark

2. July's trip to Manning Park, on a very hot day,



Anise Swallowtail

concentrated on butterflies on Strawberry Flats with a short trip to Dry Ridge area later in the day. Many species of butterflies were seen including Anise and Pale Swallowtails, Oreas Comma and Pine Elfins. At the wet roadside area at dry ridge white rein orchids

were in bloom but elephant head were not. For more photos from this trip go to our [Flickr](#) page.

3. Our last summer trip to Hillkeep Regional Park saw perfect walking weather although not much blooming or singing. A Steller's jay collected hazelnuts and a few Chickadees chirped. A tiny Pacific Chorus Frog hiding in a thimble berry delighted us. After the walk, club member Paige Woodward whose family



Pacific Chorus Frog

donated the land for Hillkeep, hosted us for coffee. From the deck we had a fine view of the Valley.

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1. **Nature Chilliwack:** We set up our educational display at two in-person events this summer. On June 18th at the Ryder Lake Ramble and on June 23 at the Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve's Open House. There was much interest in our group with the bird brochures being very popular. Thank you to Daphne, Janet, Hazel and Janne for volunteering.
2. **Camp River Wildlife Area:** The area remains closed to the public at Nature Trust's direction. In some ways this is good for the property as damage to plants and harassment of wildlife is lessened without the public's presence. Our stewards are planning a fall planting of native plants this fall. Regular "coffee cutter" sessions continue on the 1st Saturday of the month at 9 AM.
3. **Facebook & Flickr:** Our [Facebook](#) page remains popular. Recently articles on robber flies, trees talking to each other and screech owl free webinars are reaching a lot of people. Photos from our field trip to Manning Park are up on [Flickr](#).
4. **BC Nature:** Our parent group, BCN, has been picked by UBC's Sauders School of Business as a free client for a Community Business Plan. Several Master Students will be conducting research and interviews to help BCN obtain adequate resources to meet its operational needs and to create a **Partnership Plan** for 2023 to continue to offer and expand its programs and services.