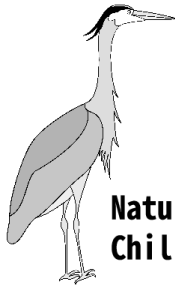


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MEETINGS

7 PM at the [Neighbourhood Learning Centre](#) 46361 Yale Road, Chilliwack. Meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month. Meeting attendance in-person or via Zoom.

SPEAKERS

1. Members Night held January 17th saw seven very professional presentations – Lee Larkin on sweat bees, Denis Knopp on butterflies, Scott Denkers with “The Eyes Have It”, Edna Hobbs on old growth trees, Mercedes Bustamante with bird and mammal photos, Fernando Selles on Alpha-Codes and Janne Perrin with 2022 nature photos.
2. In February Kate Fremlin, a SFU PhD candidate in ecotoxicology, gave an informative talk on the Food Web of the Cooper’s hawk: An indicator of urban environmental contamination across Metro Vancouver. Bioaccumulation of commonly used chemical such as fire retardants and DST pesticides result in lower productivity of this apex predator.
3. Our speaker for the March 2023 AGM, David Hancock, is coming in person. He will present on Eagles of the Fraser Valley and talk about the Eagle Nest monitoring survey several NC members are helping with.

FIELD TRIPS

1. January’s Field Trip to Corould Park along the Hope river was well attended. Mercedes submitted a list of 30 species to e-bird including 2 red-breasted sapsuckers, 7 northern flickers, 10 bushtits and 1 brown creeper.



“Brown Creeper”
Photo: M. Bustamante

2. February saw 8 members walk Browne Creek Wetland on a rather blustery day. The American dippers in the Vedder didn’t mind nor the Common goldeneye in the backwaters. In all 32 bird species were sent to ebird. Lunch at Chestnut Springs Café in Yarrow afterwards was delicious.



“Paulina Getting the Shot:”
Photo: by
M. Bustamante

3. Willband Creek Regional Park on March 16 attracted 6 members on a bright sunny day. The birdlife did not disappoint. In all 34 species were recorded. Signs of spring included pussy willows, red currants and tree swallows twittering around the nest boxes. Lunch – well some ordered the all-day breakfast - at the Mission Horse Café rounded off a delightful trip.



“Tree Swallow”
Photos: M. Bustamante

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1. **Nature Chilliwack:** Our AGM is Tuesday March 21st. We are ordering pizza from Jumbo Pizza (best pizza place in Chilliwack) and members are bringing vegetable & fruit platters. Coffee will also be available. Denis, in his role of nomination committee chair has found a full slate to volunteer at the Executive level. Thank you all.
2. **Membership:** Fees are due for 2023. You can renew [on line](#) or bring your fee to the meeting for our membership secretary, Mercedes Bustamante.
3. **Camp River Wildlife Area:** Member Richard Clegg has donated a new barn owl box for our stewardship site at Camp River. He removed the old box, which showed signs of use by pigeons, and erected the new barn owl box on the existing post at Camp River at the end of January 2023. Thank you Richard!
4. **Ryder Lake Women's Institute:** Paulina Selles provided top-notch photographs for a slideshow presentation along with Denis Knopp on the ‘Common Birds of the Ryder Lake Area’. The presentation took place on 1 February 2023 for an audience of 25 members of the Ryder Lake Women's Institute. The Women's Institute members were very happy to receive Nature Chilliwack's ‘Birding Guide’ brochures at the end of the meeting
5. **BC Nature:** The 2023 AGM hosted by Langley Field Naturalists is from May 4 to 7th. Many great speakers and trips are planned. There’s still time for [Registration](#) .