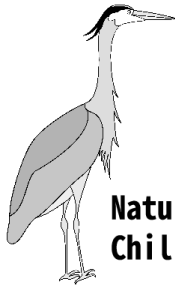


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MEETINGS

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

SPEAKERS

1. Over the summer Nature Chilliwack does not have speakers' nights. Starting September 19 we will resume the monthly "Knowing Nature" Series. Our first speaker is Vic Guinet, a long-time member of NC. He will show slides of his early prospecting days in the B.C and Yukon.
2. On October 17th, Drew Brayshaw, biologist and mushroom enthusiast, will be our speaker just after our October 15th field trip to the Chilliwack River Valley area to seek out all things mushroom.
3. In November we are hoping to have John Elliot tell us about American dippers but he is proving hard to confirm. If he isn't available, we hope to have the BC Nature's [Important Bird Area](#) coordinator, Liam Regan, speak these places of international significance for bird conservation. Several are in our area.

FIELD TRIPS

1. Despite postponing our picnic to [Cheam Wetlands](#) to June 22nd from the 20th, the heavy rain found us. However after supping in the shelter, the rain abated and many birds & flowers were observed.



Barred Owl / Photo: J. Perrin

2. After the rainy June, July was a drought month. We visited Manning Alpine July 27th when the weather was a bit cooler. The pollinating insects, cute rodents and beautiful flowers delighted us. Both our [Facebook](#) and [Flickr](#) pages have photos. On some computers, one must set up an account to view them. Most phones have no issue.



Fritillary on subalpine daisy in Manning Park
Photo: J. Perrin

3. NC visited [Lexw Qwo:m](#) park in the Eastern Hillside on September 1st. With a lot of careful observation, we discovered a myriad of plants that one member entered into the ISCBC bioblitz on i-Naturalist. Spiny wood fern, coastal gooseberry and a native banana slug were all good finds. Citizen Science is a powerful tool to help document the biodiversity of BC. Join [i-Naturalist](#) to report your observations.

THIS N' THAT

1. **In Memorial:** Sadly three Nature Chilliwack Members have passed away this year. Debra Cornish's Service is September 9 in the Agassiz Legion at 1 pm. David Archibald, our membership secretary, Mercedes, partner's memorial is on September 17 in the Bridlewoods Centre on Chilliwack Lake Road at 1 pm. [Heather Larstone](#), our newsletter editor for over 18 years, died in 100 mile house on July 7 at age 91. No service announced.
2. **Membership:** At the last Executive meeting we decided to give a longer grace period to members who did not yet [renew](#). We hope that many will as your contribution to the club is appreciated. We also will share the Zoom link to Executive meetings with our membership. Please join us on the 1st Tuesday of the month to learn more about the management of your club.
3. **Camp Slough Wildlife Area:** Next Work Party is Saturday, September 9 2023 @ 9 AM. Lee has set up a series of photo blitzes for two more Saturdays, September 16 & October 21. Photos are posted on OneDrive. The August one was well attended but there is so much more biodiversity to document for Nature Trust
4. **BC Nature:** The [BCN quarterly magazine](#) is going to digital distribution. However, for the bargain price of \$5 per year, you can continue to receive a printed copy. We will be adding a box to our membership form for this. Do not fret; everyone in our club will get a hard copy until January membership renewal.
5. **Vancouver Avian Research** is offering an online shorebird i.d. course this fall. Mention NC if you sign up to help us in this fund raising promotion.