

FALL - 2024

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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 Zoom

SPEAKERS

1. During the summer months we do not hold the "Knowing Nature" Speaker Series. However in September they resume with Candace Ross of [Vancouver Avian Research](#) (VAR) as speaker. This talk can't be Zoomed due to technical issues. VAR is hosting a bird walk at a cost of \$30 per person at the Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve on Sunday, September 15, 2024. You can [register here](#) if you are interested.

FIELD TRIPS

1. **June 8, 2024** – Heather O'Grady hosted many Nature Chilliwack members at her forested property on Chilliwack Lake Road. Many birds and insects were observed. It was a hot sunny day and the refreshments Heather provided were a welcome break in the afternoon. Heather has offered to host an evening walk in the Fall. Contact [Fernando](#) if you are interested.



Redwing Blackbird

2. **June 26, 2024** – Some NC members toured [SAY 1st Nations](#) Habitat Restoration Project with stewardship manager, Steve Clegg. Blackberries thickets that formerly flourished are now healthy riparian areas. A return trip for September is planned.



Nature Chilliwack members at SAY Habitat Restoration Site

3. **August 7 2024 Manning Park Alpine** – On a weather perfect day five member walked as far as the board walk on the Heather trail. Although the "Spring" bloom was over, there were many flowering plants including fringed grass of Parnassus, Marsh marigold, showy aster & bog orchids. Insect life was

abuzz with fritillary butterflies, blues, skippers and many species of bees. Ground squirrels, chipmunks and pikas as well as several species of birds also were seen. The group ended the day with supper in the lodge.



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1. Remember "[Out of the Darkness](#)" a Bat Exhibit sponsored by Nature Chilliwack, is coming to the Chilliwack Museum October 31 2024. Your club paid the transportation costs of this show and is working with the museum to get it ready.
2. The [Fraser Valley Conservancy](#) is offering a FREE presentation About Bats for Friday September 27 2024 at [Ryder Lake Hall](#) 49265 Elk View Rd Chilliwack Guest Speaker is Aysha McConkey, Junior Biologist from BC Bats. Doors open at 4:45 pm. Light refreshments will be served. [Pre-registration](#) is mandatory.
3. A preliminary list of species of bats recorded in Harrison Hot Springs using the Wildlife Acoustics echometre provided in the [Bat Pack from the FVRL](#) include silver-haired bat (LASNOC), Yuma Myotis (MYOYUM), Big Brown Bat (EPTFUS), California Myotis (MYOCAL), Little Brown Myotis (MYOLUC), Hoary Bat (LASCIN), Western Small-footed Myotis (MYOCIL), & Long-legged Myotis (MYOVOL). In the lower Mainland 9 species occur so 7 in Harrison are quite remarkable. The predominant species in Harrison were the Little Brown Myotis and the Yuma Myotis. The abbreviations in parentheses are the "shorthand" used on the Echometre recordings and are good to learn to decipher the readout.
4. To learn more about the 15 species of bats found in BC go to the [BC Bats website](#).
5. Cori Lausen of BC Bats will be our "Knowing Nature" series guest speaker on November 19th.
6. Subsequent to the talk, we will have a November field trip to the Chilliwack Museum to see the bat exhibit.
7. Come to Camp Slough Wildlife Area on Thursday September 26th for an hour or two between 10 and 4 to help with the native plant installation. Plants not installed by the end of the Thursday session will be planted on September 28th on same schedule.
8. Lee hopes to get Drew Brayshaw who gave us a mushroom talk last year to lead the mushroom trip in October.