

SPRING - 2025

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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. **January 21, 2025:** Members Night - Informative presentation from 8 members schooled the big turnout of members on a variety of topics: Lee on biodiversity of Camp River Wildlife Area, Paulina on the many sparrows seen in BC, Fernando treated us to a dissertation on hair ice, Mercedes on birds and butterflies of Argentina, Scott on the bats found at Thacker Marsh, Ashley on nature in Yellowstone Park, Janne a travelogue of nature photos, & Denis sharing photos of birds in BC and Alberta.

2. **February 18, 2025:** Myles Lamont spoke to a full house of 58 eagle enthusiasts – 16 members - 3 who zoomed in- and 42 people who learned of the presentation via our Facebook page or from an article in the Chilliwack Progress. Through conservation efforts, there are at least 500 nesting pairs in the Lower Mainland. In 1953 there were 3 due to persecution of eagles. Myles' research covers testing blood for contaminant, tracking, banding and nest mitigation.



3. **March 18, 2025 AGM:** Rob Butler will speak via Zoom on "Society of Crows". Dr. Butler is an award winning British Columbian Conservationist. The pizza supper will be postponed to April as many visitors are expected.

FIELD TRIPS

1. **January 18, 2025 Corbould Park Annual Winter Walk** Greeted by a decent winter's day, a dozen



members enjoyed a walk along the Hope River. The checklist sent to eBird had 28 species. Lunch at the Cultivate Café followed.

2. **January 28, 2025 Willband** Common mergansers, rafts of mixed dabbling and diving ducks, as well as cormorants and song birds were seen at this City of Abbotford wetland. The Abbotsford-Mission Nature Club's reotation work of building a viewing platform and planting many native trees and shrubs has enhanced the park. Thanks Paulina for leading.



Common Merganser – P. Selles

3. **February 15, 2025, Cheam Wetlands Regional Park** - Although the evening spectacle of trumpeter swans arriving for the night planned by Ashley, our trip leader, did not happen as the lake was frozen solid, members enjoyed the views of Mount Cheam, emerging pussy willows and the many birds. The eBird list had 16 species including a bald eagle alighting in its nearby nest and 3 trumpeter swans flying overhead.



4. **Field Trip Ideas** If you have a place you want to visit, please [let us know](#).

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1. **Camp Slough Wildlife Area** - A winter Walk at Camp Wild with stewards, Lee Larkin and Denis Knopp, February 7, revealed many animals are active. Tracks of coyote, otter, rabbit and many songbirds were observed. Monthly maintenance work bees are ongoing on this Nature Trust Property stewarded by NC for 30 years.



2. **BCN News** – AGM in Merritt May 22-25 is filling up fast. You can [register online](#).
3. Thank you to member Ashley Parshyn for designing & distributing Flyers Advertising our meetings.



4. Our **Facebook page** has many informative articles. A recent one highlighted 3 native biennials you can plant soon, Rock Harlequin, Sea Blush & pictured, Large Flowered Collomia. These attract pollinators & don't need any management and reseed themselves.