

Fall- 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 8 times a year. Meeting attendance in-person or Zoom

SPEAKERS

1. No Speakers meetings held during the summer months
2. **September 16, 2025 Club member Paulina Selles** will speak on [Leucistic birds](#) she has encountered in her photographic journeys.

FIELD TRIPS

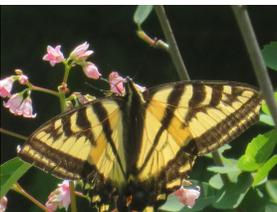
1. **June 17, 2025:** With great weather for the annual picnic at [Cheam Lake Wetland](#) many members were greeted, table set with a checkered cloth and potted plants. After sharing goodies, our walk yielded a fine variety of birds including nesting tree swallows, bald eagle and Bullock's orioles. Some painted turtles, dragonflies and other creatures were also noted.



2. **June 23, 2025:** The [Skagit Valley](#) trip was made in Scott Denkers' truck with Denis Knopp & Lee Larkin leading and Janne tagging along. Scott posted 5 separate eBird checklists, one from each leg of the 60 km trip to Ross Lake. Evening grosbeaks flocked all over the road. 34 bird species including common nighthawks & band-tailed



pigeons were observed. Whitworth Meadow abounded with swallowtails, skippers, bumblebees, dragonflies & many other insects. Some were photographed and posted to iNaturalist. It



was a long day, but well worth the effort!

3. **July 8, 2025:** NC members saw over 500 bats exiting their roost for evening foraging from a residence on Promontory on this evening walk. Seven species, mostly big and little brown bats, but lots of Yuma and hoary bats as well, were



recorded on the echometres borrowed from the [FVRL](#).

4. **July 23, 2025: Agassiz Research Centre**

Arboretum Tour: A huge turnout of both members and visitors toured this huge arboretum. Tree 001, a cut leaf European beech, was planted in 1896.



5. **July 25, 2025:** An evening walk led by the Selles in [Aldergrove Regional Park](#)

through meadows, forest and wetland habitats was a "hoot". No less



than 3 barred owls were seen, one being harassed by a Cooper's hawk. A common yellowthroat collected green caterpillars that we thought must be for their young. We wondered what huge force deposited the big rock on the east side of the park and how old the big conifer trees were?



6. **July 26, 2025:** Few hooded ladies-tresses found at [Camp Slough Wildlife Area](#) at our annual "bioblitz". Last year over 40 were observed at this date. Photos are posted to our OneDrive inventory starting in 2023.

7. **August 3, 2025:** With the new age weather, a lot of the flowers were finished in the [Manning Park Alpine](#). However, wet areas on the Heather trail had saxifrages, orchids & marsh marigolds and the area beside the dry ridge trail yielded rein orchids and a myriad of butterflies, bees and flies. The golden-mantled & Columbian ground squirrels, Canada jays and Clark's nutcrackers delighted us at the parking lots. Coffee at the lodge ended the day.
8. **August 15, 2025:** [Lewx Qwo:m park](#) got rained out so three of us coffee'd at the Cedar and Moss Café.

THIS N' THAT

1. Check out our Facebook page for all the latest happenings - <https://www.facebook.com/NatureChilliwack/>
2. Nature Chilliwack is supporting the Abbotsford-Mission Nature Club in their opposition to a city of Abbotsford's development proposal that impacts Garry Oaks on the steep slopes above the Quadling Farm on Sumas Mountain.