

Spring - 2026

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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. **January 20 2026** Members Night: Six presentations: Paulina in her dragonfly presentation told us blue darners remove the wings of caught prey before consuming it, Ashley reported on the habits of both white-headed and acorn woodpeckers in her California trip talk, Denis reviewed the highlights of the 2025 Christmas bird counts, Fernando told of transforming his yard to a pollinator garden where stone crop attracts carpenter and fuzzy-horned bees, Danielle shared her beautiful nature painting and Janne took us through her 2025 travels in nature including an epic drive to Orlando and back in an EV-SUV! Pictured are Paulina, Danielle and Denis.



2. **February 17, 2026 Speaker.** Pictured NC member, Scott Denkers in person and Connie Davis via Zoom shared the highlights of their August 2025 trip to the Pantanal area of Brazil. Among the 249 species of birds he listed were jabiru storks, great ant shrikes, snail-eating kites and, Scott's favourite, the Amazon kingfisher. Other species seen included caiman, a "squadron" of peccaries, the South American tapir, crab-eating fox and coati mundi, a member of the raccoon family. Brazil has 85 species of parrots. Scott and Connie actually saw the endangered hyacinth macaw!



FIELD TRIPS

1. **January 20 2026:** On the **Annual Winter Walk in Corbould Park** along the Hope River on a beautiful sunny day, a large turnout of members observed many waterfowl; fragrant witch-hazel and beaked hazelnuts festooned in catkins. Mallards and wood ducks rested on logs near Young Road,



bald eagles flew overhead and many dark eyed juncos foraged in the shrubs. Our eBird list had 29 species of birds and 190 individuals. After a nice lunch in the Cultivate Café, members found flower flies and Anna's hummingbirds visiting the greenhouse plants.



2. **February 20, 2026:** Very cold but sunny weather at **Browne Creek Wetland** trip did not deter NC participants or the bird life. Our ebird list exceeded the Corbould one with 32 species and 213 individual birds! The [glaucous-winged gull](#) numbered 34. Liam Ragan, who spoke to us about [IBA-KBAs](#) alerted us to the dwindling numbers of this "common" gull. The abundant American crows knew one of our trippers and greeted him with caws and clucks. One bench along the path was donated by Christine Huber and Gerry Woods, who are NC members. How wonderful to have crows and benches welcoming us when we are out in the field?



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1. The next field trip is **Saturday March 21st** at the Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve to view the nesting herons with GBHNR volunteer and NC club member, Deb Ego. Meet at 10 AM at the Reserve.
2. The **AGM starts at 6 PM** as we have a very full agenda with the public invited at 7:15 PM to hear Stan Orchard speak on Bullfrogs at 7:30 PM. For the social hour, bring your savories or desserts to share and your mug. NC provides coffee. Following the talk, a short AGM business meeting will be held. NC has nominations for all 4 executive positions however additional nominations are accepted from the floor.
3. Nature Chilliwack is collaborating with Chilliwack Museum to bring in the Royal BC Museum's **Marvelous Mushrooms** Exhibition from July 28 to October 4, 2027. A joint NC/CM meeting at the museum in September 2027 with the authors of the RBCM's book, "Mushrooms of British Columbia" is planned. Previously we worked with CM on the BC Bat Exhibition, "Out of the Darkness" in October 2024.
4. Nature Chilliwack received a grant from BCNF for production of a 2026 calendar of birds. Get your photos ready for the submission call coming soon. Thank you to Lee Larkin and Danielle Grinich for leading this project.