

FALL – 2019



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FIELD TRIPS

1. Saturday, June 8, 2019



On this interesting walk via the Watt Creek Trail to see phantom orchids on Teapot Hill, everything, from teapots to orchids, was present. We observed the larva of a Satyr Anglewing inside a nettle leaf, a hairy woodpecker drumming, a young Douglas squirrel, pathfinder plant, ancient western red cedars cover in moss and finally orchids at the very top. Check out Lee's FaceBook for more photos.

Photo: Phantom orchid not quite out – Janne Perrin

2. Saturday, June 15, 2019

We went in search of butterflies with Denis Knopp & Dennis St. John into the Skagit Valley Provincial Park to celebrate pollinator week. A Propertius duskywing fed on spreading dogbane, a Lorquin's admiral also nectared on it, a cedar hairstreak that feeds on Western red cedar checked out a daisy and a showy western swallowtail on tiger lily. At the sapsucker-drilled birch grove, a black-chinned hummingbird shared the sap with two redbreasted sapsuckers. Again see Lee's FB for additional info.



3. Tuesday, June 18th, 2019

A very successful annual picnic was held at Camp Slough Wildlife Area. A beautiful summer evening greeted the 18 participants to the picnic spot under the ancient big-leaf maple. Nature Trust's, Sammy Penner brought out her team. After eating, a walk around the property led by

Denis, revealed many interesting birds and plants.



4. June 21, 2019

Campbell Valley Regional Park trip was postponed a day on account of rain. A wise move as the next day was

perfect. Our leaders, Fernando & Paulina Selles, recorded 27 species of birds. A family of Brown creepers worked the birch tree for insects, purple finches and Wilson warblers sang and even a



black-throated gray warbler showed itself. . Many pollinators covered the flowering plants. Even a Douglas Squirrel posed for Paulina.



5. August 8, 2019

An Evening walk to Cheam Lake Wetlands Regional park was special when a peregrine falcon pair pursued both an osprey and a bald eagle. Prior to that we enjoyed a picnic supper and a walk along the loop trail. A green heron made a fleeting appearance but the belted kingfisher, and eastern kingbirds were everywhere.

6. August 13, 2019

Jack Jackaman hosted four CFN members in the cool shade of his back yard. Always a pleasure to spend time with this retired pilot. A bonus a simulated flight on both a small and a jet plane in his studio. Later we walked the Kingfisher trail at Browne Creek Wetlands. Sadly the restoration project is very overgrown with blackberry, butterfly bush and clematis.

THIS 'n THAT



1. On June 22 CFN partnered with BCWF "Reel Fishing" Program to introduce fisherman to the importance of streambank riparian. Participants heard a talk by Denis then helped with invasive plant removal. A second group returns for an encore on September 28th.

2. Your Executive voted to update our name and logo after 48-years as a club. "Nature Chilliwack" is the proposed name & the logo, a silhouetted great blue heron. Details will be sent out soon by email.