

January - 2016**MEETINGS****1. Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015**

Oops, the weather scuttled this meeting. Our speaker, Katie Marshall, has re-booked for February 2016. With high winds and power outages, it was difficult to contact everyone so thank you to both our VP, Helen and our Social Convener, Margaret for braving the storm to be there in-case some hardy souls showed up. None did!

2. Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2015

Our Christmas bird pre-count attracted a good crowd. Despite technical difficulties – not state-of-the-art this time- Denis, Janne, Lee and Helen put on a good show and assigned teams to all 23 areas.

FIELD TRIPS**1. Fraser Valley Eagle Festival - Sat. & Sun. Nov. 21 & 22**

There was a high interest in our CFN booth at Leq'a:mel Hall. Many thanks to Marg Tranah, Lee Larkin & Janet Pollock. Despite the wind, five naturalists, including new member Sam Muller, visited Eagle Point where bald eagles, assorted waterfowl and powerful Celestron telescopes filled our lenses-camera & eye.

2. Harrison River Count – Mon. Dec 14

On this cloudy but mild day we recorded 81 species and 9037 individuals. Highlights Denis Knopp reported: Canada Goose 1665, Green-winged Teal 226, Cooper's Hawk 6, Eurasian Collared-Dove 101 Northern Pygmy-Owl 3, Anna's Hummingbird 11, Belted Kingfisher 19, Downy Woodpecker 26,

Northern Flicker 69, American Kestrel 3, Peregrine Falcon 3, Northern Shrike 4, Ruby-crowned Kinglet 20, Golden-crowned Sparrow 42, House Finch 116, Purple Finch 48, and Snow Bunting 18. -Your editor's highlight was a Barn Owl called out after dark by my new "Merlin" app The locked barn prevented daytime viewing this year.

3. Chilliwack Count & Potluck- Sat. Dec. 19, 2015

No report on the numbers for the count yet but at the Christmas Potluck supper over 90 species including a yellow-rumped warbler were reported. Thanks to Marg Williams and Cynthia Berg for convening at Carmen United. Thanks to Helen Turner for chairing and arranging the door prizes. So nice to have 5-children in attendance.

THIS 'n THAT

1. Our president, Fernando Selles, was a discussion panelist after the Council of Canadian's screening of the film "This Changes Everything" on November 19th. A sold out audience was offered a glimmer of hope into how grass roots activism can fight climate change.

2. Hazel Cannings, sends her greeting. She is our former President, (1994-96) and field trip coordinator (1999-2010). Hazel resides at Logan manor in Agassiz. Her suite is filled with nature treasures and photos. Such a joy to talk with her.



3. A new editor is needed for our Heron Herald. Please contact [Fernando Selles](#) if you can step up.

Interim Editor: [Janne Perrin](#)

