

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF CHILLIWACK FIELD NATURALISTS

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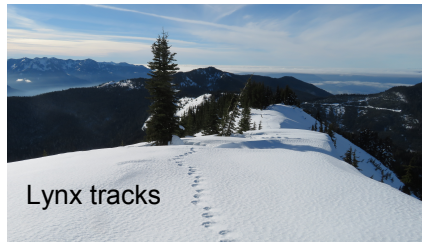
MEETINGS

1. Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Members' Night: Several CFN members shared the highlights of their encounters in 2018 with PowerPoint shows.

2. Tuesday, February 19, 2018

Joachim entertained 17 members and 3 non-members with his stunning photographs of the local



Lynx tracks

mountains with views across the valley and into Jones Lake as well as hikes in Manning Park and Lake Louise. We were treated to his entertaining encounters with wildlife in the mountains. - Lee Larkin

FIELD TRIPS

1. Hope River- Corbould Park Annual Walk – January 26, 2019

On a sunny winter's day over a dozen CFN members and a young amphibian enthusiast walked Corbould Park. Flowering witch hazel filled the air with perfume. Bird life was abundant from the minute Anna's hummingbird to the mighty bald eagle. On our way back to the cafe, an eagle had a "kill" in the grass beside the Hope River. Alas our enthusiasm



seemed to trigger it dropping the carcass into the river. Treats in the Cultivate Cafe followed by wandering Minter's spring plant display inspired many to purchase plants. – Janne Perrin

2. Iona Island – Sat. Feb. 9, 2109

This trip replaced a GBHNR outing but the weather was inclement and it is unclear if anyone ventured out.

3. Blue Heron Nature Reserve - Saturday, March 9, 2019



Two members of the public who saw this field trip on our FaceBook page joined 7 members for a cold but sunny ramble around the icy reserve. Janet Pollock, a GBHNR

volunteer led. The water birds – mallards, trumpeters, pied-billed grebes etc- stood on the ice, swam and dove while the feeder birds bickered over the seeds. No herons due to the cold but bald eagles and 4 redtail hawks perched or soared. Lunch at the Little Beetle Bistro was a treat after a 5 km workout. The Selles report that the herons returned Monday, the 11th immediately nest building! – Janne Perrin

THIS 'n THAT

1. Camp River Coffee Cutters on January 5 saw six members busy cutting blackberries along the slough trail. In March a member of the public came out to help and enjoyed coffee afterwards with everyone at the Harvest on Mill Street. – Lee Larkin

2. Denis and Janne will attend the Harrison Salmon Stronghold Workshop March 20. Mapping, stewardship and restoration of this shared waterway is under discussion by many expert environmentalists.

3. Thanks to Janet Pollock for coordinating the 2018 Chilliwack Christmas Bird Count Potluck Supper. It was held at the Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve. Our Winter Newsletter reported the results of this and the Harrison River Count.

4. March 19th is our AGM. Istvan Orosi speaks on North American Warblers. Pizza supper is \$10. We ordered from Jumbo Pizza Inc. Members need to bring utensils, mugs and plates. Juice, tea and coffee provided.

5. After over thirty years of service, Annabelle Rempel is stepping down as our conservation chair. She always kept us aware of issues both local and provincial. Her reports are posted on our website. Annabelle also served as our treasurer and on the phoning committee. She joined the club in 1985. Well done, Annabelle! Thank you so much.