

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF CHILLIWACK FIELD NATURALISTS

SUMMER – 2019



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MEETINGS

1. Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Many members enjoyed our Annual General Meeting with delicious pizzas, desserts and coffee. Istvan Orosi illustrated talk on North American warblers wowed us with up close photos of warblers few of us had had the privilege of observing. Officers elected were Denis Knopp, President; Janne Perrin, Vice-president; Janet Pollock, Treasurer and Scott Denkers, secretary.

2. Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Dave Manning and his wife, Rosa entertained us with the secret lives of vultures! Who knew that the nesting cave had 2 exits and the young hiss. The adults strike heraldic poses but hate to cross water. Their book “The Old Man and the Vultures” is worth a read. Rosa’s song had us all soaring!



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3. Tuesday, May 21, 2019

Dennis St John’s “life of bees” has us all “a-buzz”. He told us there is at least 450 species of wild bees in BC and may be as many as 600. The complicated job of bee pollen packing was a procedure Dennis described. It is now difficult to pass a flower without having a look. Thanks Dennis for a most erudite talk.

FIELD TRIPS

1. Silverdale Creek Wetland – Thurs. March 21, 2019

A sunny day greeted CFN for this tip. Many spring migrant birds and waterfowl abounded in this restored area. American goldfinches & Tree Swallows serenaded. Two garter snakes – one huge and one small-



Common Garter Snakes- Janne Perrin

basked in a sunny spot. Afterwards some members

visited Cascade Falls while other toured Wilband, another restoration project.

2. Burnaby Lake – April 8, 2019

Seven member of the Club went to Burnaby Lake Regional Park for a Field Trip led by Paulina and Fernando. The visit commenced at Piper Pit, where Istvan Orsi, joined us on our walk. Although the trip was cut short by rain, it was a nice and informative visit. With the help of Istvan, we identified a total of 43 bird species. – Fernando Selles



Photo: Green-winged Teal – Paulina Selles

3. Hope Airport – April 15, 2019

Six members of the Club went the Hope Airport and Sewage Ponds for a field trip led by Paulina and Fernando. The highlight of the trip was the sighting of a Black Phoebe by Vic Guinet, the sighting of flock of 14 Mountain Bluebirds and of a couple of Western Meadowlarks. A total of 32 species were sighted during the trip. – Fernando Selles



Photo: Mountain Bluebird – Paulina Selles

4. Hope Nature Walk – May 26, 2019

Postponing this walk by 1-day gave nine members a sunny walk through a gorgeous west coast rain forest. Six species of warbler were counted plus 20-other species. Oregon sunshine (Eriophyllum lanatum), perched high on a bluff above Kawkawa Lake, was the most striking of the many flowering plants & shrubs.



Photo: Oregon Sunshine- Janne Perrin

THIS 'n THAT

Annabelle receiving BCN’s Club Service Award May 29 from Janne at a luncheon at the Royal Hotel. Lee presented her with a bouquet from CFN. Well deserved, Annabelle!

