

Winter – 2019



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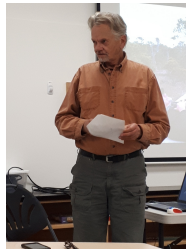
MEETINGS

1. Tuesday, September 18, 2018

Scott Yaeger, biologist with the BC Government, entertained us with stories of mesocarnivores – animals in small packages with big egos! They are present in all ecosystems and are keystone species controlling small mammal populations. Scott mentioned in the Lower Mainland several of the mesocarnivores are missing commenting that the level of human activity is high here.

2. Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Terry McIntosh, botanist, spent many autumns searching the edges of rivers and lakes for late season plants...plants that are often hidden under water until mid to late summer. Many provincially at risk plants are restricted to these habitats. Terry showed us images of many of these plants, describe their unique life strategies and habitats, and encouraged us to get out so that we can see for ourselves this striking late season world.



3. Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Mike Pearson, an Agassiz based ecologist, presented an interesting talk on the successes and challenges of wetland restoration. Managing machinery operators, beavers and woody debris offered challenges while riffles, juvenile salmon and riparian plantings gauge success.



FIELD TRIPS

1. Blackie's Spit- Friday, September 14, 2018

Fernando and Paulina led a trip to this bird rich estuary of the Nicomekl River and Mud Bay in Surrey.

2. Reifel Bird Sanctuary – Sun. Oct. 21, 2108

Reifel proved to be a very popular trip with over a dozen CFN members participating. 49 species of

birds were observed with black-crowned night herons putting in an appearance just as we were leaving. Amanita muscaria, a bright red poisonous mushroom was a favourite with the photographers among us. Other notable waterfowl were gadwall, Northern pintails and pied-billed grebe. The tall lesser sandhill cranes that managed to raise one colt for the first time in 10 years and the peregrine falcon pleased the crowd.

3. Blue Heron Nature Reserve-Tues. Nov. 13/18



On another bright sunny day five CFN members walked the dyke and trails of this local wetland. Many colourful wood ducks and mallards loafed in the sloughs while in the woods fungi were the object of the photographers' lens. The stars however were the Anna's Hummingbirds who posed for many a shot.

4. Browne Creek Wetland Fri. Dec. 7/18

The Selles led by a late fall trip into this restored South Vedder River area. Spawning Coho and Chum salmon use the creek and bird life is abundant.

THIS 'n THAT

1. Your Executive sent a letter to the Federal government expressing concern with lack of an emergency order under the Species at Risk Act for the Southern Orcas. A letter was sent to the Provincial Government concerning the Cheam Gondola. Also club members are urged to sign the "[Protected Places Declaration: A Natural Legacy](#)" that asks the Feds to preserve 17% of Land and 10% of oceans in their natural state.

2. The Harrison Salmon and Eagle Field Camp CFN hosted November 22 to 25 was sold out, well received and earned over \$2000 for our club treasury. 7000 eagles were counted on the Saturday boat trip.

3. Thanks to Denis Knopp for coordinating both the Chilliwack and the Harrison River Christmas Bird Counts. The Harrison Count on December 18 had 75 species and 9225 individuals including 841 bald eagles and 847 dark-eyed juncos. The Chilliwack Count, December 14, netted 101 species and 41 531 individuals with waterfowl in abundance and 1639 dark-eyed juncos.

4. AGM March 19th – your Executive decided to hold the AGM at our usual meeting place and order in pizza. The speaker is TBA