



Langley Field Naturalists



To encourage nature appreciation, conservation and education

Langley Field Naturalists acknowledge we are in the unceded Indigenous lands of the Coast Salish (Stó:lo) people

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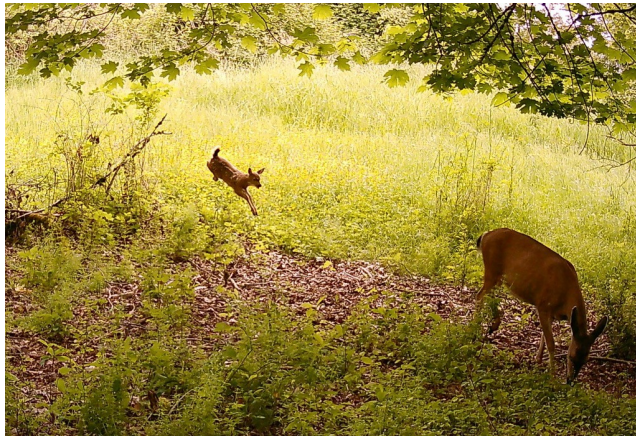
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HIDDEN LANGLEY NEWS FROM OUR TRAIL CAMERAS

For the last year or so, the Langley Field Naturalists have deployed a number of trail cameras in some of the properties the club stewards and monitors. These cameras were generously donated by a club member, and we are very thankful for their contribution. The cameras provide a window into the activities of the wildlife in these areas which we wouldn't normally see. Make no mistake, the wildlife (or at least certain species in photos) look to be aware the camera is actually there. Their activities appear to be unaffected otherwise.



Coyotes at Mountainview



Black-tailed deer at Forslund Watson Wildlife Area

Initially the cameras were placed on trails but we've recently moved one camera to the Ducks Unlimited pond at Forslund/Watson Wildlife Area. This recent placement has revealed that the Canada and Cackling geese actually use the pond more than we had thought from just visiting the property. This is very good news!

The work continues to monitor, review and update placement of these cameras to see what other species we may capture/photograph in the areas the club monitors. Hopefully there will be more species to report for the next year's review.

Mountainview, Milaster Passive Park and Forslund/Watson Wildlife Area are the sites monitored so far. The extensive list of species captured/photographed are Mountain Lion, American Black Bear, Coyote, Columbian Black-tailed Deer, American Raccoon, Eastern Grey Squirrel, Red-tailed Hawk, Barred Owl, Eastern Cottontail, Canada & Cackling Goose, Mallard, American Wigeon and some "unidentified flying objects" seen in photos from night captures. All are very exciting.



Black Bear at Milaster Passive Park

Eric Habisch

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As president am I allowed to make sweeping proclamations? Stand on a soap box and make wild announcements? Possibly hit social media and post some skewed, incoherent babble? If I had any actual power I would like to declare 2026 the Year of the LFN Volunteer!



Have you checked out your calendar to pencil in a few dates to get out with our fabulous club? There are many ways to donate your most valuable resource: time.

We have walks, thanks to Gareth's organization skills, putting eager walkers into a schedule that doesn't conflict. If there is a special place you would like to share with others you can volunteer to be a leader.

Anne has all the upcoming presentations scheduled but sometimes things go sideways and we need someone to step in to present on a fabulous vacation or miniscule spider that has a fascinating life history.

Community events are starting up for the season; we need help with 2-hour shifts. Possibly the most fun to be had, since not only do you get to chat with some fabulous community members but also take time to visit other displays at the events. Some live music at many celebrations makes for a very enjoyable time. Diana will be sending around sign up sheets at our regular meetings.

Want to get a little more active? Work parties to install plants, control invasive species and even some trail clearing can help get the heart rate up! Work parties are only 2 hours and generally filled with laughter and sometimes a little blood when we are dealing with blackberries. Connect with Eric for most work parties.

Do you have another idea you would like to volunteer for? Bring it to the board! Since it is the Year of the LFN Volunteer I'm sure they will say "Yes!"

Lisa Dreves

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Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month from September to June, starting at 7.30 pm.

Executive meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month Sept - June.

LESLEY GOODBRAND



It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our long-time member, Lesley Goodbrand. She was all dressed up and ready for a day out with her daughter when death came calling just before noon on Valentine's Day.

For over 20 years Lesley has been very active in various leadership roles in our club - field trips, refreshments, membership, displays - and she organized silent auctions and the dinner table flower arrangements when we hosted BC Nature conferences. At the same time she has been very active in her church and floral arts organizations.

Always smiling, always enthusiastic, and always organized, Lesley was a wonderful friend and will be really missed.

A celebration of her life will be held at Newlands Golf & Country Club on March 19th, 1-4 pm.

A great hardcover book to introduce you to the world of butterflies from all around the world. A good portion of the book highlights those species that could be found locally as well.

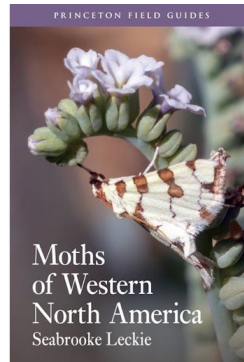
There is fantastic photography showing off the beauty of these insects with pages full of maps, detailed information and stories about the species that have been highlighted. Not all butterflies are the same and their unique behaviours, lives, lifespans and courtships make this book such an interesting and enjoyable read.

MOTHS OF WESTERN NORTH AMERICA

Seabrooke Leckie

Princeton University Press

Release Date: January 27 2026



This highly awaited field guide for those moth maniacs out there has finally been released. As stated in its website description "The first photographic field guide to present the moths of western North America".

This book is for novices and experts alike. It covers 1,900 species of the 13,000 found in North America. It is a well laid out field guide but a bit heavy to be taking with you in the field or maybe not. The pages contain detailed coverage maps, photographs of the species and details such as size, description, larval food plants and if the moth is common or not. Additionally, graphic icons explain when during the seasons the species could be seen. There's a great section that talks about the best time to observe moths which is at night and how to get started with the activity.

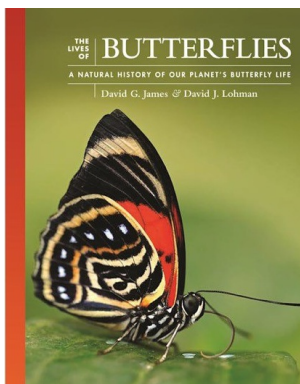
To check these books out for more details, have a look wherever you purchase books.

I hope this may inspire others to recommend more books for our newsletter because it's a great platform to do so. I am already thinking of a few more for the next newsletter.

Eric Habisch

BOOK REVIEWS

THE LIVES OF BUTTERFLIES:



A NATURAL HISTORY OF OUR PLANET'S BUTTERFLY LIFE

David G. James and David J. Lohman

Princeton University Press
Release Date: January 9 2024

SERPENTINE FEN SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

An overcast but clear day started us out on a lovely walk of 2.5 miles (3.8 km) walk around Serpentine Fen. We were 13 participants, including me and the first eye-catcher was about 12 Common Mergansers flying in and settling on the river. A striking duck with its long red bill, green head and white and black back. Common Goldeneyes swam and dove with about 8 Greater Scaups and 1 Lesser Scaup. Mallards and Wigeons lined the shore and those numbers quickly climbed as we walked along the dyke. The Fen is an interesting wetland. It is fed by salt water from Mud Bay during the tides and by fresh water from the agricultural lands upstream making it brackish.



Coyote with breakfast

Photo: Perry Poulsen

Maybe low numbers this year for whatever reasons or still to come. We had some lowlights as in only one Red-winged Blackbird, no Falcons and no Ring-necked Ducks. Where were they? However, our highlights did include a male Northern Harrier, Red-tailed Hawk and a large Cooper's Hawk - likely a female. As we walked along the dyke, we saw a very healthy coyote carrying a rabbit that it had just caught. Ducks in the marsh area were also so plentiful that getting a count on them was almost impossible. Mallards, Wigeons, Pintails and Green-winged Teals were in the hundreds to thousands. In addition we saw a few Northern Shovelers and Gadwalls.

Between the two blinds and by some shrubbery on an old road, we had good sightings of Robins, Song Sparrows, Fox Sparrow, Juncos, Golden-crowned Kinglets and Bushtits. I heard a Lincoln's Sparrow, but not sure if that was someone's playback or not.



Golden-crowned Kinglet

Photo: Perry Poulsen

Sometimes tricky to know. Returning, we came upon a gull that caused a bit of a discussion as to its identity = A Ring-billed or California Gull consuming a Starry Flounder which it finally did. Both have dark smudged black rings around their bill and when leaving, the gull took flight so I noticed distinct white markings on the primaries and was left with the impression of a California but not everyone was convinced. So is it when working with gulls sometimes. Everyone enjoyed the day out and we had a great highlight with a large female Cooper's Hawk soaring over the river at the very end.

We totalled 49 species, thanks to Eric for his impressive work on E-Bird.

Viveka Ohman

MILASTER PASSIVE PARK SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH



The walkers

Photo: Perry Poulsen

On a cool overcast morning, six walkers gathered at the property that in the future would be a Township park. It was a very quiet walk with not many birds

calling. The river had washed out any trail to be able to walk on to the pipeline right of way and there was flooding near its shores. The group then made its way at a very leisurely pace on the trail eastward from where the previous owner's house had stood. There was the "cathedral" of magnificent Large-leaved Maples with their many branches covered in moss and Licorice Ferns where one could see the West Coast at its best.

The highlight of the walk and where the group spent the majority of the time was the spawning salmon in a smaller tributary off the much larger Nathan creek. There were a couple of pairs of fish but one pair dominated the spot in their fortitude to lay and fertilize the next generation of salmon. Amazing!

We finalized our eBird list and ended up with 16 species. The Bald Eagles and Great Blue Heron we observed were most likely there for the salmon, the stars of the walk today.

Eric Habisch

BLACKIE SPIT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH



Great Blue Heron

Photo: Keith Chrystall

Torrential rainfall and atmospheric rivers aside, we had a beautiful morning for the start of our walk at Blackie Spit. At the pier a few fishermen were busy with their lines and crab traps. Nearly all the trapped crabs, being undersized, got reprieves and were dropped back into the water. An unfortunate flatfish, possibly a halibut or type of flounder, was caught and deposited on the deck, its fate uncertain. Nearby a Belted Kingfisher, perching on top of a post, was scanning the waterfront for a

meal. Several Common Loons, Double-crested Cormorants and a few Harbour Seals were also enjoying the morning sunshine and perhaps looking for breakfast.

Walking over toward Crescent Beach Point, there were many American and Eurasian Wigeon in the grass along the western shoreline, together with Dunlin, Northern Pintails, Killdeer and Black-bellied Plover among others. A male Ring-necked Pheasant was strutting around the short grass and stopped on a piece of driftwood to be admired for a few minutes before continuing on his way, probably looking for some well-hidden hens.

Over in the Saveneye Environmentally Sensitive Area, we spotted a group of Northern Flickers, a House Finch and Anna's Hummingbird, as well as a group of eight Great Blue Herons perched on the posts of a dilapidated pier coming out from Peebles Point. Another group of old posts nearby each had a Double-crested Cormorant perched on top. We noticed some trees along the shoreline in this area that had corky protuberances running along some of the branches. According to iNaturalist, this is characteristic of Field Elms, an introduced species not indigenous to BC. Looking at the satellite image of Blackie Spit available on Google Maps, in the past there may have been a pier connecting the Saveneye Area to Peebles Point. In this area we also heard, if not sighted, Golden-crowned, White-crowned and Song Sparrows, Steller's Jay and Western Meadow-lark.



Field Elm

Photo: Keith Chrystall

At the end of our walk, heading back to the parking lot on a trail through a low-lying area adjacent to the dog off-leash area, there is a dense growth of a large species of Horsetails. According to iNaturalist these are a species named Rough Horsetail which are indigenous to the BC coast, as they are around much of the globe. It gives you a sense of how a

primordial landscape on an ancient shoreline may have looked.

The clouds were coming in and the temperature was dropping. With a last quick sighting of a Downy Woodpecker, it was time to conclude the walk.

Keith Chrystall

NOEL BOOTH PARK & BROOKSWOOD POND SATURDAY, JANUARY 12TH



Ready to walk

Photo: Nora Truman

We began our walk at 9:00 am starting on the 36th Avenue sidewalk, with our new sign marking the gathering place for the walkers. The day was slightly overcast with patches of sun and very little breeze. We started with a little history about Noel Booth. He was a Langley pioneer in the 1920's and operated a General Store on 24th Avenue. He served the Township of Langley as an Alderman for fifteen years and a school trustee for four years and the park and Noel Booth Elementary School were named after him. Our group of walkers headed east towards 204th Street and then south towards Anderson Creek. We were greeted by American Robins and Golden-crowned Kinglets in the low shrubbery and American Crows from the treetops. We could hear the water rushing as we approached Anderson Creek, which is very high at this time of year from recent winter rains. The path descends parallel to the creek, crossing the new bridge. The new bridge is higher and much wider and sturdier than the last. We headed along the south side of the creek, passing low bracken and Cottonwood trees to the Brookswood Pond Trail. American Crows and American Robins were calling and digging in the turf of the school playing field.

The path took us east again, passing Alder trees and Western Sword Fern. Turning South, we approached Brookswood Pond which had high water levels and a number of waterfowl: Mallards, Common Merganser and Bufflehead. We saw at least 2 Brown Creepers and several Golden-crowned Kinglets and Black-capped Chickadees. A Belted Kingfisher flew over the pond making its distinctive call. From the north side of the pond looking south, we saw a Great Blue Heron sitting high in the trees at the centre of the pond. As we circled Brookswood Pond we observed many fallen and beaver-chewed trees. We observed some fungi on the perimeters of the path and fungi that looked like coral on the trees.

To finish the walk, our group followed the old road that was used to access the area for gravel extraction over the years. In 2007 our club spoke at a public Township of Langley meeting asking that Brookswood Pond be designated as a passive park rather than filled in to make a sports field. Kathy Masse did the talking, with editing help from Anthea Farr.

Nora Truman

SURREY LAKE PARK SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH



Birding at Surrey Lake

Photo: Ryan Usenik

Following the coldest night so far this season, the LFN Surrey Lake walk was greeted with a beautiful sunny morning for a walk around this nature-rich park. Thirteen members and two guests participated. There was a good variety of species on the lake and Wim and Eric's scopes were invaluable to show everyone good detailed views of them, including some species rarely seen in this area such as Redhead and Ruddy Duck.

While no mammals were observed (other than dogs

on a leash) a total of 46 bird species were observed and reported to e-Bird. 27 of the observed species are represented in the LFN bird brochure.

It might have felt cold to many walk participants but several species were preparing for spring. Two Bald Eagles were observed on a distant tree with an eagle nest. Two Red-tailed Hawks were standing side by side on a hydro transformer tower.

Ryan Usenik

DISCOVERY TRAIL LAKES, ABBOTSFORD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD



At Discovery Trail

Photo: Anne Gosse

Our winter visit to Reifel Refuge had to be cancelled after a barge struck the Westham Island bridge at the end of January 2026. Instead, we turned our binoculars eastward and chose the four small lakes of the Discovery Trail in Abbotsford - a delightful alternative. The weather was a gift: warm and dry, a welcome contrast to the rainstorm that had swept through the day before. It turned out to be the kind of day that invites you to linger outside longer - with warmth on your shoulders and moments for your memory.

Fifteen participants from three different clubs joined us. The trail loops gently around four well-marked lakes brimming with waterfowl. Along the way we were treated to flutterings and flashes of smaller birds in the shrubs and treetops. In addition to the usual cast of waterfowl, we were treated to sightings of five Yellow-rumped Warblers - intriguingly, "down from our North," as John G noted - along with a Cooper's Hawk and a Merlin on the hunt. We also found several species of fungi including the outstanding red scarlet cup.



Scarlet Cup

Photo: Wendy Dadalt

Our thanks go to Wim for keeping the day's list, (43 species) and to John G, John S, and Keith C, who captured some beautiful photographs of the birds, fungi, and hawks to commemorate the outing.

Joanne Rosenthal & Anne Gosse

ALDERGROVE REGIONAL PARK SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

We met at the farthest parking lot at Aldergrove Regional Park at 9 am. Thankfully the weather had cleared up and ten of us (LFN members, as well as a number of WRN members) walked the Pepin Brook trail (approximately 3 km.). Some of the members reminisced about swimming in the now removed 'Aldergrove Lake' and one individual thought that they may have attended the 1969 Aldergrove Lake Rock Concert (30,000 people attended!) ...

One of the highlights of our walk was hearing an insistent Marsh Wren singing with three immature



Immature Bald Eagle

Photo: Ted Goshulak



Osoberry flower

Photo: Ted Goshulak

Bald Eagles soaring overhead. Early signs of spring included flowers of the Osoberry, Salmonberry, and Western Skunk Cabbage. Attached is an eBird checklist (thanks Wim!). As our walk occurred during the Great Backyard Bird Count sponsored by Birds Canada and Cornell, our bird records were added to the worldwide count of birds seen during this event.

Ted Goshulak

NEWS FROM NATURE SQUAMISH



Banded Purple Martin

Photo: John Buchanan

One of the Purple Martin nestlings banded at Derby Reach in 2024 was spotted at a colony in the Squamish River estuary last June.

John Buchanan from Squamish managed to read the band number after examining multiple images. That's one patient and dedicated fella. John shared a collage of the bird with its band. We didn't know it at the time of banding, but it's male.

The Purple Martins' nestboxes are a "Nature Squamish" project

SPRING IS ON ITS WAY



Eagle pair and their nest

Photo: Ron Long

A pair of Eagles were seen staking out a nest on February 6. Spring must be coming soon. The nest is along the Pitt R near the mouth of Deboville Slough.

Ron Long



Amanita Muscaria

Photo: Duncan Dixon

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PROGRAMMES
MARCH - MAY 2026

Meeting at 7.30 pm at the Langley Community Music School, 4899 207th Street, Langley.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH
RAPTOR RESEARCH AND EFFECTS OF CONTAMINANTS

Dr. John Elliott, Adjunct Professor, Biological Sciences, Simon Fraser University

Dr. John Elliot is an award-winning research scientist and the husband of our LFN member Christine Bishop. He will talk about the effects of persistent contaminants (persistent organic pollutants [POPs], heavy metals) on reproduction, survival and general health of wildlife's top predators (raptors, waterbirds, seabirds and aquatic mustelids).

THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH
ELIZABETH'S WILDLIFE CENTER
Brenda Rost, Education Coordinator, Elizabeth's Wildlife Center

The primary mission is "Rescue, Rehabilitate, Release" - caring for injured, orphaned, and sick wild birds and small animals. What first began as a rescue center from her home expanded into Elizabeth's backyard with construction of aviaries and small housing facilities. She will talk about the role a wildlife rehabilitation center plays in the community, the different kinds of wildlife that come into the center, what to do if you come across any injured bird or small mammal, hazards for wild animals and birds, and what you can do to help and save wildlife in your community.

THURSDAY, MAY 21ST
BATS IN BC
Terri Lou and Ron Trainer: BC Bat Ambassadors for Langley

Our Langley City Bat Ambassadors Ron and Terri-Lou attended the MEC Langley's Local Outdoors Group Community Night Event with a bat booth. They are phenomenal at engaging with the community and sharing bat education. Come and hear about the local bats in our area and listen to their fascinating Bat PowerPoint.



Langley Field Naturalists hosted an iNaturalist workshop in January for its members. It was a well attended workshop that was held over two Saturday mornings. This facilitated the right amount of time to cover a good portion of the ins and outs of the program.

iNaturalist is the most popular citizen science application where anyone can contribute anything in nature that one would see or hear, by photograph or recording when out on a walk, hiking or just in the backyard. They would then submit the observation either through their smart phone or desktop computer. The user immediately has image recognition software and a database of records to get an identification of what they have observed. All this provided by the software developed by the program and those other citizen scientists who've submitted their observations in years past. The observations are added to a world-wide database where these submissions are reviewed by community members and validated if possible to a "Research Grade".

The iNaturalist program and its information on species submitted has been and is used by researchers the world over for a variety of projects. One of note is the David Suzuki Foundation's Butterflies in my Backyard. The observations and the subsequent data collected in past years have already helped with insights into populations, species habits and dynamics of range, to name a few of the findings.

We encourage you, if you haven't already, to download the software, create an account and get out there and make some observations. There are online tutorials to help you get started on the website should you want some help. Check it out at www.inaturalist.org.

We are hoping to host another iNaturalist workshop in the coming months so watch your emails from the club for more information if you're interested in participating.

Eric Habisch

LANGLEY FIELD NATURALISTS, FIELD TRIPS SCHEDULE MARCH - JUNE 2026

Please Note: anyone wishing to carpool should email to make arrangements beforehand, otherwise please meet at the designated meeting place.

Please let the leader know to expect you. The walks are generally about two to three hours long and are open to all Naturalist Clubs & members of the public (adults & children, but no pets please). Please dress for the weather and bring water, binoculars and a snack (plus bug spray in summer).

Note these walks are weather dependent so if the weather is bad and no registrations are received then the leader will not show up. Unless otherwise noted, washroom facilities are available on these walks.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH

HOUSTON TRAIL IN DERBY REACH REGIONAL PARK, NATURE BEYOND NAMES.

Leader: Phil Henderson
Time: 9:00 am in the Houston Trail parking lot on Allard Crescent

We humans spend a lot of time naming things, then changing those names until we are happy, at least some of us, if only temporarily. Naming and labeling are necessary for us to keep track and sort things out. On this walk, we won't abandon names and categories (raven, bird; fern, plant) but we will try to view nature as a whole, then possibly deconstruct, bringing names into the picture to help us understand and make sense of things. The process of figuring things, such as how organisms fit into their environment and interact with one another, may be more important than figuring things out, because chances are we won't; what we think we've figured out may be entirely speculative and quite possibly, wrong.

Bring your eyes, ears, nostrils, and ideas, however wild and speculative, to the meeting place, rain or shine.

E-mail strix@uniserve.com to register.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 11TH

WHITE ROCK PIER AND WATERFRONT

Leader: Eric Habisch
Time: 9:00 am at the parking lot by the museum; NOTE paid parking is now in effect

Join Eric to walk along the pier and the waterfront looking for the variety of seabirds that are seen wintering here. Bring binoculars and a spotting scope if you have one to see those shy birds not close to shore. The tide should be in our favour. Dress warmly as it can get cold at the end of the pier. This is an easy level walk of about 2 kms. E-mail eric.habisch@gmail.com to register.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH

FORT LANGLEY BIRD COUNT

Organizer: Phil Henderson
Leaders: Phil Henderson and others
Time: 8.00 am to noon, meet at Wendel's at 7:45 am

A great event for anyone interested in birds. You don't need to be an expert birder to join this fun event which covers Brae Island and Derby Reach Regional Parks. We encourage inexperienced birders, new birders, families, etc.; anyone curious and wanting to learn more about local birds and nature. Participants will walk (a "birdwatcher's saunter") along one of six possible routes. Walks are longish but not physically challenging and all but one are on groomed, gravel Metro Vancouver paths. We will proceed in all but the nastiest weather (i.e., 2' of snow and / or -30°C).

E-mail strix@uniserve.com to register.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST

SEEDY SATURDAY AT THE ARBORETUM

Leaders: Nora Truman and Lisa Dreves
Time: 11:00 am in the parking lot in the 21200 Block Fraser Highway

Come out to the annual Seedy Saturday event (runs from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm) at Derek Doubleday Arboretum. For an added bonus, head out with our leaders, Nora and Lisa, to enjoy the solitude of the end of winter and explore the gardens while discussing the need to practice "lazy gardening" (where we leave the seed heads of perennials and annuals through the winter to feed our local birds and wildlife). Let's see if we can find any remaining seed heads and marvel at their beauty!

Note: if the parking lot is full, St. Andrew's church just across the road allows overflow parking.

E-mail lnsecretary@hotmail.com to register.

SATURDAY MARCH 28TH

TYNEHEAD REGIONAL PARK

Leader: Keith Chrystall
Time: 9:00 am in the parking lot at the Tynehead Hatchery in the 16700 block of 96th Avenue

Join Keith to walk the trails of this popular park with its great variety of trees, birds, mammals and shrubs in the watershed where the prolific salmon-bearing Serpentine River rises. Walking distance is approximately 3.5 km on undulating trails so please wear appropriate footwear.

E-mail keith.chrystall@shaw.ca to register.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

BRYDON LAGOON & HI-KNOLL PARK

Leader: John Gordon
Time: 9:00 am at the 53rd Avenue parking lot near 198A Street, Langley.

Join John to walk around the lagoon and see the variety of ducks that can be found there and listen to the spring birdsong followed by a walk through the floodplain and up into Hi-Knoll Park to look for the lilies of spring.

Please note there is not a washroom at this site.

E-mail johngordonone@gmail.com to register.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9TH

NATHAN CREEK DYKE

Leader: Ryan Usenik
Time: 9:00 am at the bridge on River Road (88th Avenue), one block east of 264th Street

Join Ryan to walk along the Nathan Creek dyke and visit the Gatzen property. During the walk the LFN Tree Swallow nest boxes will be cleaned out. This walk is about 2 kms on a level trail.

Please note there is not a washroom at this site.

E-mail jrusenik@telus.net to register.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH

BLACKIE SPIT - CRESCENT BEACH

Leader: Perry Poulsen
Time: 9:00 am at the paved parking lot.

Join Perry for a walk around this popular park where a variety of migrant and resident birds can be found in spring, followed by a warm-up at a local coffee shop. This is an easy walk of about 3 kms.

E-mail pwpoulsen@gmail.com to register.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH

GREAT BLUE HERON RESERVE, CHILLIWACK

Leader: Tom Wildeboer
Time: 9:00 am at the Reserve, 5200 Sumas Prairie Road, Chilliwack (Hwy 1 Exit 109)

Join Tom to explore this Nature Reserve which has 325 acres of wetlands located on the un-dyked floodplain of the Vedder River. Managed by the Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve Society, this site is known for its large breeding colony of Great Blue Herons - as well as a wide variety of wildlife and vegetation. At this time of year the Herons should be nest building with lots of activity within the colony, while Wood Ducks, Pileated Woodpeckers and Bald Eagles are busy too. The reserve also has beautiful walking trails. The walk will be about 4 kms on level trails along the dyke and through the woods along the Vedder River.

E-mail t_wildeboer@hotmail.com to register.

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND

SALMON RIVER NATURAL AREA, FORT LANGLEY

Leader: Eric Habisch
Time: 9:00 am at the Trailhead on Billy Brown Road closest to 96th Avenue

Join Eric on a leisurely walk around this natural wetland area nestled between the Fort Langley Golf Course, Bedford Landing neighbourhood and the Bedford Channel. Usually a good number of ducks, songbirds at the neighbours' feeders, a Kingfisher out in the channel, springtime arrivals or maybe even the resident beavers can be seen. If time permits we can also meander a bit of the Fort to Fort Trail. Walking distance is 2.2 kms on gravel trails with a couple of inclines.

E-mail eric.habisch@gmail.com to register.

SATURDAY, MAY 9TH

SPARROW CREEK FARM

23000 Rawlison Crescent, Langley

Leader: Roy Cline
Time: 9:00 am, Park near the gate to the pond or come up the gravel driveway to park near the house or barn.

Join Roy for a walk to enjoy the ecosystem diversity of this 7-acre property. Explore a pond, wetland, a coniferous forest and a wild pasture. In addition there is a barn with 2 horses and 4 pet goats. There

is an active amphibian habitat restoration project of the pond and the wetlands. A brisk walk would be 45 minutes or meandering of 2 hours.
E-mail clineroy@gmail.com to register.

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH

TRINITY WESTERN UNIVERSITY

Leader: Ted Goshulak
Time: 9:00 am at the University, 22500 University Drive

Trinity Western University's Ecosystem Study Area (the ESA) is comprised of diverse riparian habitats surrounding waterways, including tributaries of the Salmon River, the Salmon River itself and MacMillan Lake. These habitats are home to a diversity of plant and animal species. Many bird species can be seen, including numerous passerines, raptors, and waterfowl. There is extensive rearing habitat for Coho Salmon and the forested areas are also home to the endangered Oregon Forest Snail which has been studied extensively by Trinity Western researchers. The ESA serves as an excellent outdoor classroom for Trinity students and is also open to the public with an extensive network of recently upgraded trails. The walk will be about 3 kms and is of moderate difficulty.

E-mail tgosh@twu.ca to register and for instructions on where to park. Parking is \$5 for three hours.

SATURDAY, MAY 23RD

REDWOOD PARK

Leader: Nora Truman
Time: 9:00 am in the parking lot, 17900 – 20th Avenue

Join Nora to walk the trails in this park and enjoy the variety of tree species from around the world planted by Peter and Davis Brown, including the largest collection of Giant Redwood Trees in Canada. This walk is about 3 kms on level trails.

E-mail lnfsecretary@gmail.com to register.

MONDAY, MAY 26TH - THURSDAY, MAY 29TH **SPRING TRIP TO MERRITT**

Monday to Thursday (May 26th, 27th & 28th nights)
To be arranged

Leader: Gareth Pugh
E-mail gareth2@uniserve.com

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH

GLEN VALLEY SPRING BIRD COUNT

Leader: Lisa Dreves
Meet at Poplar Bar at 6:30 am

We split into groups to cover several different areas. The count runs until about 12:00 when we return to Poplar Bar to enjoy a potluck lunch and compare results. Please contact Lisa so we know to expect you. It is early and we know sometimes people forget to set their alarm and we don't want to drive away if there is a possibility of extra help!

E-mail stewardship@leps.bc.ca to register.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11TH

CAMPBELL VALLEY REGIONAL PARK

Leader: Phil Henderson
Time: 9:00 am at 8th Avenue parking lot
Join Phil to walk the trails through this popular park with its great variety of trees, flowers, shrubs and birds. This is a moderately difficult trail with some ups and downs so please wear appropriate footwear. Walking distance is approximately 5 km. Bring a packed lunch to eat at a suitable spot at the end of the walk.

E-mail strix@uniserve.com to register.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH

DERBY REACH REGIONAL PARK

Leader: Keith Chrystall
Time: 9:00 am at the main parking lot at 21801 Allard Crescent

Join Keith to walk the trail from the parking lot to Muench Bar to see the Purple Martins at the nest boxes installed by LEPS and LFN, then walk through the woods to 208th Street and back to the parking lot. This is an easy walk of about 4 kms on level gravel trails.

E-mail keithchrystall@shaw.ca to register.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH

SOUTH LANGLEY REGIONAL PARK AND IRENE PEARCE TRAIL

Leader: Ryan Usenik
Time: 9:00 am in the parking lot at 500 - 224th Street

Join Ryan to walk the level trails in this Metro Vancouver Park, used by walkers, cyclists and equestrians. It was formerly known as the Langley Municipal Natural Park. The trails go through mixed forest and mature Douglas Fir stands, past farm fields and over two bridges crossing the Little Campbell River.

E-mail jrusenik@telus.net to register.