

NATURE NEWS

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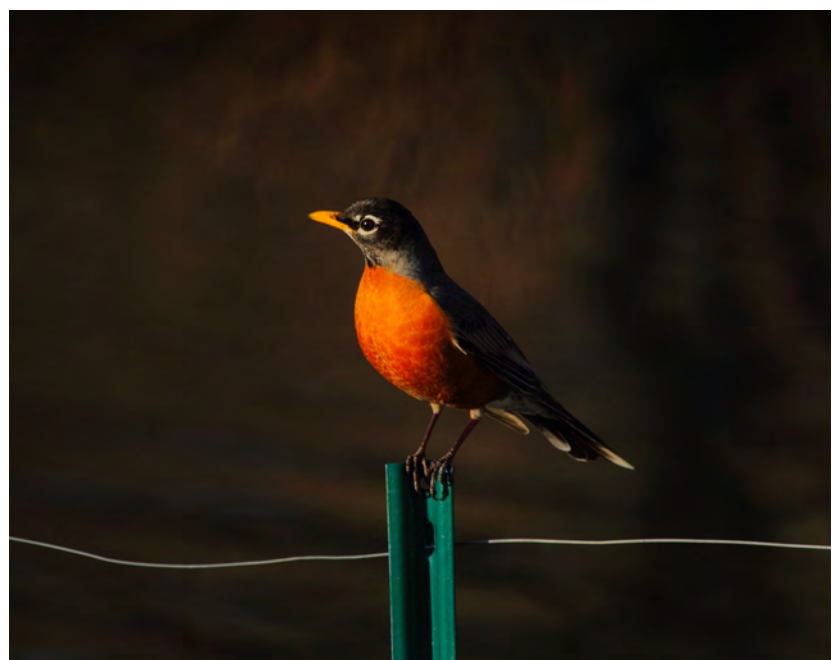
Thanks to everyone for another great season! From photographers, to educators, to dedicated scientists this year had something to offer everyone. Our series will resume in September, 2019.

Monthly meetings are held at 7:30pm the 3rd Wednesday of the month at Cité des Rocheuses, 4800 Richard Rd SW. Free for members, \$5 for non-members.

[View map | www.citedesrocheuses.com](#)

Volunteer Opportunities

Nature Calgary is holding our first ever Calgary Birding and Nature Festival May 22 - 24 in 2020. We are looking for volunteers for the Organizing Committee with expertise or a strong interest in: Geology, Insects, Reptiles/Amphibians, Terrestrials, Mycology, Botany (trees and wildflowers). If you have an interest in helping the Marketing and Sponsorship, or Logistics and Events committees - please send an email to yycbirdnaturefestival*@*naturecalgary.com with your name, interest and background information.



Issues, Events and Updates

Save the date! Nature Calgary's Annual Fall Banquet will be held on Saturday, October 19 at the Irish Cultural Centre. Further event details will be announced in September.

Kids Birding Camp is back at Fish Creek Provincial Park! Perfect for youth between 9 – 14 years of age who have shown interest in birds and birding. Youth can practice identifying local birds by size and shape, colour pattern, behaviour and habitat. Camp runs Tue, July 2 to Fri, July 5 from 8:00am to 2:00pm and is \$100 per participant.

By participating in the Learning Naturally Kids Bird Camp program, you are providing an amazing learning opportunity for your child and helping Calgary kids to make meaningful and life changing connections with nature.

Registration fees for the Learning Naturally Kids Bird Camp will be matched up to 50% by Shaw Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink (BFK), and used to support Learning Naturally educational programs in Fish Creek!

For more information and to register visit www.friendsoffishcreek.org/event/birdcamp



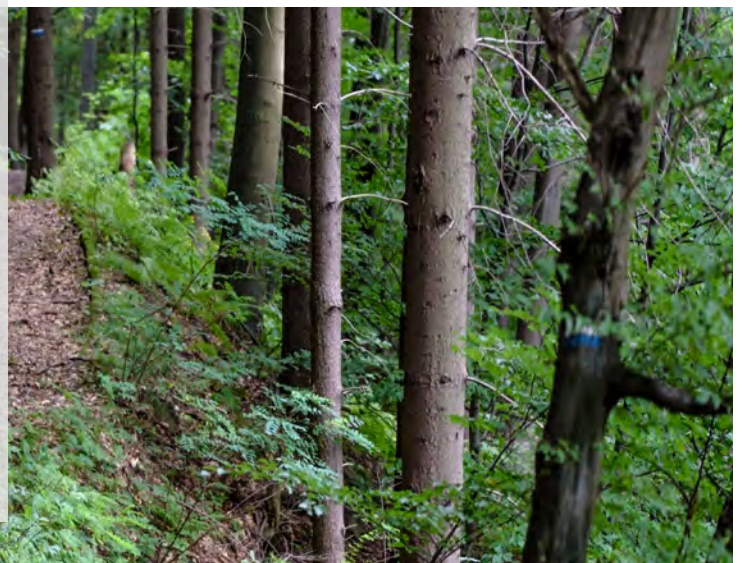
Nature Kids

Sat, June 29, 10:00 - 12:00pm: Come and join us as we "Take Time to Smell The . . . Dandelions?" Well, they are not quite roses, but they are a perfect flower and easy to find. After closely naming and examining this plant's special parts, we will go for a stroll to observe some interesting and unusual wildflowers growing right in our city. Meet at Griffith Woods Park, 160 Discovery Ridge Boulevard Southwest. Contact Joan Walker (403-271-4578) for further information.

Impromptu Field Trips

Check out naturecalgary.com for new trips and updates.

Occasionally trips may be rescheduled due to weather or other circumstances. Contact your trip leader with any questions.



Rare Bird Alert:

report rare bird sightings to Bird Alert Compiler, Terry Korolyk at 403-300-1067
For latest sightings check: [Albertabird](#) or [BirdTrax](#)



Field Trips

Participants are responsible for bringing food, water, sunscreen, bug spray and other equipment or supplies the trip may require. Field Trips involving carpools will require registration to ensure that a reasonable number of people are able to attend with a limited number of cars for safety and enhanced birding experiences.

Tue Jun 18, 6:30pm: Bird Lafarge Meadows, FCPP. Meet at boat launch parking lot, S end of Bow Bottom Tr SE. Leader Anne Belton, 403-201-1570 or 587-233-7339.

Tue Jun 25, 6:30pm: Bird Burnsmead, FCPP. Meet at the parking lot for Burnsmead E end of Fish Creek PP. To get there take Bow Bottom Trail turning left, S of 146 Av SE. Leader Anne Belton, 403-201-1570 or 587-233-7339.

Thu Jun 27, 6:30pm: Tour of Don Stiles' Red Deer Lake nest box trail SW of Calgary. See young Mountain Bluebirds and/or Tree Swallows in the nest as well as watch for other bird species and flowering plants. Meet at the Anderson LRT station, next to MacLeod Tr, just S of pedestrian overpass. Leader Don Stiles, 403-271-4689.

Mon Jul 1, (Canada Day) 6:30am: Monthly Elbow River Birding Survey. Meet Stanley Park, 42 Av SW, just W of Macleod Tr. Walk to Glenmore Reservoir, ride back (3.5 hours). Call leader Gus Yaki, 403-243-2248, to ensure vehicle space for return.

Tue Jul 2, 6:30pm: Carburn Park. Meet in parking lot. Carburn Park is reached by turning S from Glenmore Trail onto 18 St SE, right onto Riverglen Drive and then left onto Riverwood Road. Leader Anne Belton, 403-201-1570 or 587-233-7339.

Thu Jul 4, 10:00am to noon: Nose Hill - Summer Flower Walk. Meet at parking lot 64th Av & 14th Street NW. Leader John McFaul, 403-289-9517.

Sat Jul 6, 8:00am to 11:00am: Bird Lafarge Meadows in Fish Creek PP. Meet at boat launch parking lot, S end of Bow Bottom Tr SE. Leader Nimali Seneviratne, 403-265-8750.

Tue Jul 9, 6:30pm: Inglewood Bird Sanctuary. Located at 2425 - 9 Av SE. From Deerfoot Tr take Blackfoot Tr W, turn left onto 19 St SE then left again onto 9 Ave SE & drive 1 km east to sanctuary entrance. Or follow 9 Ave SE through Inglewood. Meet in the parking lot. Leader Anne Belton, 403-201-1570 or 587-233-7339.

Tue Jul 30, 6:30pm: Bird Lafarge Meadows, FCPP. Meet at boat launch parking lot, S. end of Bow Bottom Tr SE. Leader Anne Belton, 403-201-1570 or 587-233-7339.

Thu Aug 1, 7:00am: Monthly Elbow River Birding Survey. Meet Stanley Park, 42 Av SW, just W of Macleod Tr. Walk to Glenmore Reservoir, ride back (3.5 hours). Call leader Gus Yaki, 403-243-2248, to ensure vehicle space for return.

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BECOME A LEADER!

Field trips are one of Nature Calgary's best offerings.

Volunteer to lead a trip today - no expertise required.

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Sat Aug 10, 9:00am: Common Mosses and Liverworts of Calgary. Griffith Woods Park. If you know the trees and flowers, it's time to learn the common bryophytes (Mosses and Liverworts) of our area. This outing will be presented by Sandra Davis, a local Bryologist. The course will run 3-4 hours. Participants would need to bring a 10X hand lens, and there would be a 10-person limit. Meet at Griffith Woods Park, 2.5 km W from Sarcee Tr on Hwy 8 (Glenmore Tr). At 69th St SW turn left into Discovery Ridge, continue past the traffic circle; at the bottom of the hill turn left on Discovery Ridge Link into the parking lot. Please register with Sandra at: Rockhill29*[*shaw.ca](mailto:Rockhill29*@shaw.ca) or 403-862-8984.

Tue Aug 13, 6:30pm: Bow Valley Ranche, FCPP. Meet at the parking lot on W side of Bow Bottom Trail SE. Leader Anne Belton, 403-201-1570 or 587-233-7339.

Sat Aug 17, 8:00am to approx. 3pm: Field trip to Kananaskis Field Station for birds and flowers. Meet at Assumption School, 34th Av NW (NW corner of Sarcee Tr at Hwy 1). We could look at both birds and flowers. Please bring lunch, bug spray and sunscreen. Leader Penny Smith, 403-249-5997.

Sat Aug 24, 8:30am to Noon: Bird North Glenmore Park. Meet in parking lot C just W of Rowing Club, accessed from S end of Crowchild Tr SW. Leader Penny Smith, 403-249-5997.

Sun Sep 1, 7:30am: Monthly Elbow River Birding Survey. Meet Stanley Park, 42 Av SW, just W of Macleod Tr. Walk to Glenmore Reservoir, ride back (3.5 hours). Call leader Gus Yaki, 403-243-2248, to ensure vehicle space for return.

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General Interest

Sneak peak screening and fundraiser for Brian Keating's latest project: "Great Big Nature". Brian Keating and Bryan Smith, executive producer of MiMedia, invite you to learn more about this video series that will be launching later this year. June 20, 7 to 8:30pm at Cité Des Rocheuses, 4800 Richard Rd SW, Calgary, AB. To RSVP and for more information, contact Jenel Bode at j_bode*@ducks.ca. Please RSVP by June 18th.

Creekefest - free fun for the whole family in Fish Creek PP. At Creekefest kids and families can learn about environmental stewardship, conservation and biodiversity through educational games and activities, enjoy amazing performances and much more! Enjoy performances from Rattle and Strum, Bud Edgar, Michela Sheedy, and Sheila Edgar. Learn to juggle with Michelle and Peter - the Juggling Clowns, take part in guided walks, and check out the Children's Area with inflatable slide sponsored by Servus Credit Union. July 20, 11 am - 4 pm, Bow Valley Ranch.

Identify birds by sound with BirdNET! The Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the Chemnitz University of Technology have teamed up to create an app that uses machine learning and to detect and classify bird sounds. The app is available for Android phones only and can be [downloaded for free on the Google Play store](#).