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Speaker Series

Wed Oct 16: Lake O'Hara – A jewel of the Canadian Rockies with John McFaul. Explore the natural wonders of this iconic local wonder that is a mecca for both local hikers and people from around the world.

Wed Nov 20: The Inglewood Bird Sanctuary Reconnection Project with Jonathan Slaney, Planning Engineer, City of Calgary. IBS has been one of the city's most ecologically important parks for nearly a century. Due to its age some of the hydraulic structures that control the water level in the lagoon have aged out, putting the park's lagoon at risk. The concept of reconnecting the lagoon to the river was suggested to improve water quality, reduce water level fluctuations in the lagoon as well as improve fish habitat. The City has undertaken a detailed analysis of the options and is proposing a project to ensure the Park can remain an ecological hot spot through the next century. Jonathan will discuss the site's history, evolution, its current ecologic importance, the proposed design, and how the design managed the existing park and river's ecology, hydrology, and river morphology.

Nature Calgary's 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](#)

Issues, Events and Updates

The Nature Calgary Education Grant will not be available until possibly January 2020. Please check our website at that time to see if the grants are open again.

Nature Calgary at the Rock 'N' Fossil Road Show at Country Hills Public Library on Oct 19. Hosted by the Geological Survey of Canada's Calgary chapter, participants can learn about local and regional geology by examining a collection of rocks, minerals and fossils (including many museum quality pieces). Bring your own samples and have them identified by an expert. 11am - 3pm at the Country Hills Public Library (11950 Country Village Link NE).

Calgary 2020 Big Year Birding Challenge:

Nature Calgary is promoting a friendly "big year" birding challenge within Calgary city limits in 2020. This will follow the tradition of competitions held in 2000 and 2010. Stay tuned. Details will be published on the Nature Calgary website soon.

Congratulations to Gus Yaki on being named one of Calgary's "top 7 over 70." Gus was recognized for his tireless contributions including: bio blitzes, monthly birding surveys, and educational efforts within schools, parks, libraries and community centres.

Nature Calgary is saddened by the passing of Mary Lore. She was an avid naturalist and the first female president of the CFNS in 1975-77, vice president of FAN in 1978-79 and president in 1980-81. In 1976-78 Mary edited the Calgary newsletter. Her contributions were many. Under her presidency FAN organized the first Breeding Bird Atlas in Alberta and she organized the Canadian Nature Federation Conference that was held in Calgary in 1984. She hiked in the mountains and was an accomplished photographer whose slideshows were legendary.

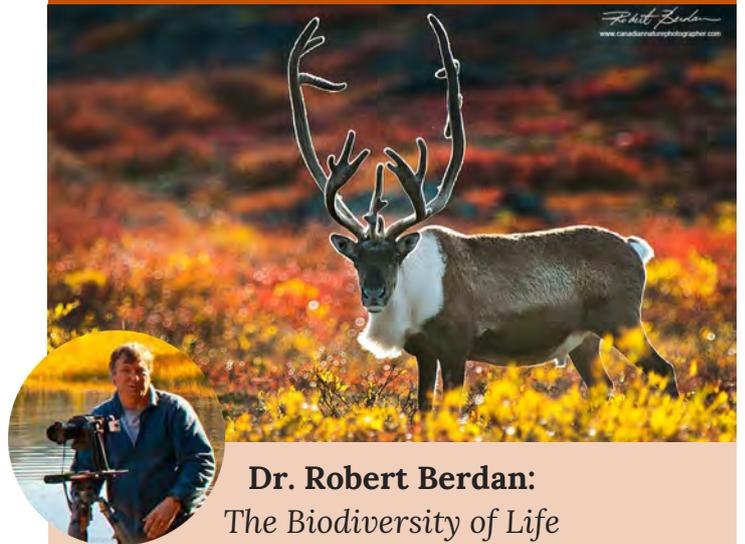
Volunteer Opportunities

Bird Study Group is looking for a volunteer to track attendance and accept non-member admission (\$5) for thirty minutes prior to its meetings. Additional duties include accepting miscellaneous payments such as membership renewals, banquet fees, etc. To volunteer or for additional details contact Pat Ross, treasurer*[@naturecalgary.com](mailto:naturecalgary.com).

Bird Study Group

Wed Oct 2: Smaller and Lighter Camera Alternatives presented by Jeff Yee from The Camera Store. We will have a look at the most current technologies that are creating new classifications of cameras. These new cameras are smaller and lighter, while creating high quality images of the larger DSLR cameras. We will look at samples of compact point and shoot cameras with large zoom lenses, and APS-C or full frame sensor size compact camera systems (mirrorless). Jeff will show you ways to downsize and lighten your load and still get great photos.

FALL BANQUET 2019



Dr. Robert Berdan:
The Biodiversity of Life

Dr. Berdan is a well-respected nature photographer who will present a kaleidoscope of beautiful images depicting the micro to the macro natural wonders of Canada

October 19, 2019 Banquet
Irish Cultural Center 35 Ave NW
Drinks 6:00 pm | Dinner 7:00pm
Presentation at 8:00pm

Members \$50 | Non-members \$70
Tickets available at:
naturecalgary.com/events/banquet
or pay by cheque to:
Box 981, Station M, Calgary AB
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For more information, call Penny Smith at
403-807-8137



Wed Nov 6: Myrna Pearman will give an update on Ellis Bird Farm, including: new site, education and research projects. She will talk about the tracking of Purple Martins and Mountain Bluebirds, where they go in the winter, how many return each year and how the data collected is used for research. She will also touch on the devastating loss this year due to weather and how climate change may be affecting the migration of these birds. She will share her images of EBF birds and other wildlife.

Bird Study Group meetings are held at 7:30pm the first Wednesday of the month at Cardel Theatre (180 Quarry Park Boulevard SE). Free for members, \$5 for non-members.

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



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 car pools 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.

Sat Sep 21, 9:00am to approx. 12pm: 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.

Sat Sep 28, 9:00am to approx. 12pm: Carburn Park. Let's try for fall warblers and other migrants. Meet in parking lot. Carburn Park is reached by turning south from Glenmore Trail onto 18 St SE, right onto Rivervalley Dr SE and then left onto Riverview Dr SE (2nd left, ignoring cul du sac). Leader Nimali Seneviratne, 403-265-8750.

Tue Oct 1, 8:00am: 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.

Windy Point Hawk Watch: 8:00am start and full day. The proposed dates are: Thu Oct 3, Sun Oct 6, Wed Oct 9, Sun Oct 13, Wed Oct 16, and Wed Oct 23. Peter Roxburgh has offered to lead people on a real birding adventure in the Sheep River Valley. A strenuous one-hour hike takes you to a world-class hawk watching site with the chance of seeing up to 10 species of raptors during their fall migration. May be a space limitation. To learn more please contact Peter at: roxburgh*[*shaw.ca](mailto:roxburgh*@shaw.ca) or 403-703-5290.

Fri Oct 4 9:00am: Irrigation Canal, SE Calgary. Meet at the dirt parking lot on the NW corner of 26th Street SE and Gosling Way SE - we will possibly carpool down to a safer access point. Directions: (from Deerfoot) take 17th Avenue E, turn south on 26th Street SE, drive 1.7 km to Gosling Way, turn right and immediately right again into the dirt parking lot. This is the first week that the Irrigation Canal is drained creating a new habitat for migrating birds. All welcome. Leader Dave Russum, 403-284-4775.

Sat Oct 5; 9:30am until 4:00pm: Bird parts of Calgary and east of Calgary for fall migrants and others. Includes songbirds, shorebirds, gulls, and raptors. Bring lunch. Register with leader Terry Korolyk by phone at 403-254-1878, or by email at piidpiper*@hotmail.ca Meet at the Fish Creek PP Visitor's Centre Parking Lot off Bowbottom Tr at the entrance to the park. Registration required.

Thu Oct 10, 9:00am: East of Calgary (destinations TBD). Expected return mid to late afternoon. Meet at Elliston Park Dog Park lot. From 17th Avenue SE, go S at 68 St SE. Car park is about 400 m down on the right. Bring lunch. Email leader Andrew Hart at andrewhart*@*shaw.ca or call 403-980-1538 to register. Registration required.

Sat Oct 12, 9:00am: Inglewood Bird Sanctuary. We'll look for late migrants as well as the 'usual suspects'. IBS is located at 2425 - 9 Ave SE. From Deerfoot Tr take Blackfoot Tr west, turn left onto 19 St SE then left again onto 9 Ave SE & drive 1 km east to entrance. Meet in the parking lot. Leader Janet Gill, 403-230-5671.

Thu Oct 17, 9:00am to approx. 12pm: Bird Elliston Park area. Meet at Elliston Park Dog Park car park. From 17th Avenue SE, go S at 68 St SE. Car park is about 400 m down on the right. Leader Andrew Hart, 403-980-1538.

Sat Oct 19, 9:00am to approx. 4pm: Pine Coulee. Birding trip south of Calgary. This can be an excellent spot for fall waterfowl and raptors. Meet at Anderson LRT station, south of pedestrian bridge to carpool. Bring lunch. Leader Tony Timmons, 403-256-0754.

Sat Oct 26, 9:30am to approx. 12pm: 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.

Sat Oct 26 9:30am to approx. 4pm: Pine Coulee Reservoir west of Stavelly for late Fall migrants and others. Includes waterfowl, gulls, and raptors. Chance of going to Clear Lake or Chain Lakes as well. Register with leader Terry Korolyk by phone at 403-254-1878, or by email at piidpiper*@*hotmail.ca. Bring lunch. Meet at the parking lot of Greengate Garden Centre below the Macleod Trail-Canyon Meadows overpass. Registration required.

Fri Nov 1, 9:15am: 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. Registration required.

DST ends Nov 3rd.

Thu Nov 07, 9:00am: West of Calgary (destinations TBD) Expected return mid to late afternoon. Meet in the small parking lot in Valley Ridge. Exit westbound Trans-Canada Hwy onto Valley Ridge Blvd NW. At first intersection, turn right onto Valley Ridge Dr. NW. At next intersection turn right onto Valley Meadow Close NW and drive 100 metres to parking lot on the right. Bring lunch. Email leader Andrew Hart at andrewhart*@*shaw.ca or call 403-980-1538 to register. Registration required.

Sat Nov 16 9:30am to approx. 4pm: Bird parts of Calgary and east of Calgary for late fall migrants, early winter visitors and others including: waterfowl, gulls, and raptors. Register with leader Terry Korolyk by phone at 403-254-1878, or by email at piidpiper@hotmail.ca. Bring lunch. Meet at the Fish Creek PP Visitor's Centre parking Lot off Bowbottom Trail at the entrance to the park. Registration required.

Sat Nov 23 9:00am to approx. 4pm: Birding West of Calgary. Bring lunch. Meet at Assumption School, 34 Av NW (just N of TCH #1, at Sarcee Tr). Leader Howard Heffler, 403-804-2489 (cell). Please email hheffler*@*shaw.ca. Registration required.

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General Interest

The Friends of Fish Creek will be hosting their annual ReWilding Project, to help restore degraded areas in Fish Creek Provincial Park on October 8th and 10th. They are seeking volunteers with the ability to walk off-trail and conduct moderate to heavy physical tasks such as digging, mulching and watering. This is a fun day of working together outdoors, soaking up the fresh air and truly connecting with nature by giving back to it. Lunch, snacks, instruction, tools and personal protective equipment provided. For more information visit, www.friendsoffishcreek.org/volunteer-category/get-active/