

# NATURE NEWS

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## Speaker Series

**Wed Sep 18: The Wonders of Ecuador with Karel Bergman.** Naturalist Karel Bergmann will take us on a journey to discover the wonderful biodiversity of the Ecuadorian low and high rainforests as well as the region around Quito.

*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.

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## Issues, Events and Updates

### Learning Naturally Kids Birding Camp

During the first week of July, sixteen enthusiastic children, ages 9 to 14 gathered at the Bow Valley Ranch Visitor Centre to participate in Bird Camp. Co-sponsored by Nature Calgary and the Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park, students spent four hours each morning on guided walks locating, identifying and learning about our many local birds. The afternoons were spent updating a species list, journaling, learning about the four keys to bird identification, discussing experiences, dissecting owl pellets and learning about the characteristics that make birds so fascinating and unique.



Some highlights were observing two owlets as they graduated from branching to fledging, a Black-crowned Night-Heron catch and eat lunch, a squadron of Pelican glide effortlessly across the wetland, an intent Osprey hover overhead, a pair of Cedar Waxwing prepare their nest and a mother Ring-necked Pheasant guide her ten chicks safely across the road. Our sincere thanks goes to our dedicated volunteers, Kaya Konopnicki, Jim Donohue, Gavin McKinnon and Doug Maxwell, for making this event possible. As well, we would like to acknowledge The Wild Bird Store for their donation of two special prizes and Staples for once again supplying journals to our participants.

- Sue Konopnicki, Margo Glover, Joan and Wayne Walker



#### Rare Bird Alert:

report rare bird sightings to  
Bird Alert Compiler,  
Terry Korolyk at  
403-300-1067

For latest sightings check:  
[Albertabird](#) or [BirdTrax](#)

## Dr. Robert Berdan

### *Biodiversity of Life*



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

**Oct 19, 2019 Banquet**

Irish Cultural Center 35 Ave NW

**Cocktails start at 6:00 pm. Dinner 7:00 pm**  
**Talk and presentation at 8:00 pm**

Members: \$50, Non-members \$70

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For more information, please call Penny Smith at 403-807-8137



## Bird Study Group

**Wed Sep 11\*: In Search of the Picathartes** presented by Mark Rubensohn. Mark was fortunate to have the opportunity to travel to Ethiopia and Ghana on a bird watching trip in November 2018. He will share his travels through the highlands (above 4,000m) of Ethiopia, descending into the Great Rift Valley and into the tropical rain forests of Ghana. He will include photographs of some of the fabulous, exotic and often rare species that he encountered. One highlight of the trip was finding the Picathartes, a rare and endangered species found in the tropical rain forest of West Africa.

*\*The September BSG will be held the 2nd Wednesday of the month.*

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](http://www.cardeltheatre.com)



Picathartes  
© Mark Rubensohn

## More eyes. More birds.

**Join us on our field trips in and around Calgary**



Nature Calgary is a community of Calgarians that promotes the preservation of natural habitats, provides educational opportunities and supports the collection of natural history observations. Together we learn, explore and share. Everyone is invited to join us.

The majority of field trips are focused on finding birds, but there are also outings for flowers, mosses, trees and mammals. We have an excellent diversity of habitat and birds within easy reach of the city -over 300 species have been recorded!

The real attraction is not the certainty of what you do find, but it is the adventure of what you might find. These trips are available to everyone at no cost and are listed in the newsletter and on the website.

**Trip Leaders wanted:** You don't have to be an expert. Just be willing to share a bit of your time and enthusiasm.

[Visit our trip leader page at naturecalgary.com](http://naturecalgary.com) for more info.

See you out there.

Howard Heffler  
Field Trip Coordinator

## 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.

**Tue Aug 20 6:30pm: Inglewood Bird Sanctuary Evening Walk.** 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 Sanctuary entrance. Meet in the parking lot. Leader Nimali Seneviratne, 403-265-8750.

**Sun Aug 25, 8:30am: Confederation Park.** Meet at Rosemont Community Hall parking lot, 2807-10th Street NW. Located on the west side of 10th Street in Confederation Park. This small urban park can be spectacular for migrating birds. Birders of any level welcome. Leader Howard Heffler, 403-804-2489.

**Tues Aug 27, 6:30pm: Carburn Park.** The fall migration has started. Let's make the most of this final evening walk to see who has arrived. Meet in parking lot. Bring binoculars & dress appropriately. 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 Janet Gill, 403-230-5671.

**Thu Aug 29, 9:00am to 11:00am. Nose Hill Park.** Porcupine Valley general nature walk. Meet at the Berkley Gate entrance off 14 Street and Berkley Gate NW. Leader John McFaul, 403 289-9517.

**Fri Aug 30, 9:30am for approx. 3hrs: Fungi 101 West Bragg Creek.** Searching for fungi of all kinds and points for identification. To get there drive through Bragg Creek townsite along the shopping area, across the bridge, turn left and drive about 9 km to the end of the road to the parking lot. Leader Karel Bergmann, 403-285-2380, lacerta324@gmail.com.

**Sat Aug 31, 8:30am 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.

**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.

**Thu Sep 5, 8:00am to approx. 11am: Bowmont Park (Dale Hodges Park).** Meet at Public parking area at East end of Bowmont Park next to Maranatha Church. Leader Dan Parliament' 403-247-4987.

**Sat Sep 7, 9:30am for approx. 3hrs: Fungi 101 West Bragg Creek. Everything you always wanted to know about mushrooms.** Searching for fungi of all kinds and points for identification. To get there drive through Bragg Creek townsite along the shopping area, across the bridge, turn left and drive about 9 km to the end of the road to the parking lot. Leader Karel Bergmann, 403-285-2380, lacerta324@gmail.com.

**Sun Sep 8, 8:30am: Confederation Park.** Meet at Rosemont Community Hall parking lot, 2807-10th Street NW. Located on the west side of 10th Street in Confederation Park. A follow-up to the visit on Aug 25 to see how the Fall migration is progressing . All welcome. Leader Dave Russum, 403-284-4775.

**Thu Sep 12, 9:00am to 11:00am. West Edworthy Park.** General nature walk. Meet in the South Edworthy Park parking lot at the bottom of Edworthy Street SW. Follow sign to Edworthy Park. Leader John McFaul, 403 289-9517..

**Sat Sep 14, 9:30am to approx. 4pm: Bird Calgary and area for fall migrants and others.** Includes songbirds, shorebirds, gulls, raptors, and others. Bring lunch. Carpooling. Meet at the Fish Creek PP's Visitor's Centre parking lot off Bow Bottom Trail SE at the entrance to the Park. To register, phone leader Terry Korolyk at 403-254-1878 or email him at piidpiper@hotmail.ca. Registration required.

**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. noon. 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.

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