

NATURE NEWS

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From the President

Dear Nature Calgary members,

I hope that you are well and have been able to stay in touch with the natural world as best as possible. Despite the struggle that spring has had in trying to vanquish old man winter, there are signs that once again this eternal struggle will end with spring claiming victory. Henry David Thoreau wrote on March 30th, 1856 that “Spring advances in spite of snow and ice, and cold even.”

Traditionally this is the time of year that our field trip schedule is filled with numerous trips offered by our volunteer leaders that we all look forward to and are so thankful for as well as our bird study and speaker series meetings. However, we must continue to follow the social distancing protocol. How long this will last is anyone’s guess. We shall await direction from the public health officials as to when we can return to normal social interactions.

Meanwhile I do hope that you will be able to, as individuals, enjoy some nature moments by exploring your yard, walking about your neighbourhood or visiting a local park. While all the time keeping safe.

John McFaul, President

Issues, Events and Updates

Due to the cancellation of this year's remaining events, Nature Calgary received refunds for room bookings:

850.50	Cité des Rocheuses - Speaker Series (Mar - May/20)
400.00	Cardel Homes - Bird Study Group (Apr & May/20)
210.00	Kerby Centre - Board meetings (Apr - Jun/20)

1,460.50 (total refunded)

These room rental refunds represent costs that were budgeted for and not spent; due to the Covid-19 cancellations our members didn't receive the full value of their membership this year. As a result, on April 7, 2020 the board decided to donate these funds:

1000.00 Nature Calgary Education Grants
500.00 Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre

1,500.00 (total donated)

City Nature Challenge 2020: Calgary Region

To ensure the safety and health of all participants, this year's global CNC is no longer a competition. Instead, CNC will embrace the collaborative aspect of sharing observations online with a digital community, and celebrate the healing power of nature as people document their local biodiversity to the best of their ability. Citizen/community scientists around the world are invited to participate while still following all federal and local recommendations to keep communities safe.

Events for the Calgary region have been cancelled but people can document their nearby natural surroundings in a safe and cautious manner. The City Nature Challenge (CNC) will proceed as scheduled, with observations being made and shared April 24 - 27, and observations being uploaded and identified April 24 - May 3.

Instead of group activities, City Nature Challenge encourages individuals to undertake a Backyard Bioblitz, or to document biodiversity on a walk in your neighbourhood. Various resources have been compiled such as Bingo bird checklists and Backyard bioblitz bingo.

Learn more about News and Events, find resources or read about the COVID-19 response at:

www.citynatureeyyc.ca

Facebook: @citynatureeyyc

General Interest

Nature Calgary now has an instagram account! Find us @naturecalgary. We are looking for photo submissions for our feed and will give credit for any photos we use.

For April/May we are looking for:

- First flowers/buds/leaves
- Backyard Birds
- Bird Mating/Nest building
- Animal behaviour (i.e. Feeding/foraging, hunting, grooming)

Please submit your pictures to:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/xDqAScdYJJgvBTGC4iD>

FileName:

- YourName_Animal/Plant_DAYMONTHYEAR
- eg: JaneBirder_HerringGull_220320

Format:

- .jpg
- Resolution: 72dpi
- Size:
 - 1.19:1 (1080x608px)
 - 1:1 (1080x1080px)
 - 4:5 (1080x1350px)

Already edited (we will not do any editing)

Email any further details to:

communications*@naturecalgary.com

Include any information about the picture (animal/plant name, location, date) and any credits (either your name or Instagram handle). *By submitting your image to Nature Calgary you give permission to use it on Nature Calgary's social media. We will contact you if we would like to use the image for any other purposes.*

The Saskatchewan Prairie Conservation Action Plan is hosting monthly webinars about

species at risk or prairie conservation. These webinars are free and can be viewed from anywhere. They are also recorded and uploaded to the group's YouTube channel for viewing at a later date. Join Jody Daniel, PhD Candidate, Monday May 19 for Grassland Songbirds. For more information or to register, visit

www.pcap-sk.org/home



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