

NATURE NEWS

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Speaker Series

Nature Calgary's monthly meetings are held at 7:30pm the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Due to COVID-19, meetings will be held via Zoom for Fall 2020. Links and meeting codes will be emailed to members closer to the event date.

Wed Sept 16: City Nature Challenge Results with Matt Wallace. The City Nature Challenge ran from April 24 - 27 this year and, despite COVID-19, had tremendous participation and results. Matt is the coordinator of the challenge that is a world wide effort to document the flora and fauna that reside in our urban environments.

Join Zoom meeting:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83644702630?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83644702630?pwd=SHhVam16WjdYMTN4NU5BVUk5d3k2Zz09)

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Meeting ID: 836 4470 2630

Passcode: 162638

Wed Oct 21: Annual General Meeting

With last year's updates to Nature Calgary's bylaws, the AGM will be held in October. A new board will be elected, financials will be presented as well as our accomplishments for the year.

Volunteer Opportunities

Nature Calgary is looking for new board members. If you would like to contribute your time and expertise, contact John McFaul: president*@naturecalgary.com or call 403-289-9517.

Nature News, the Nature Calgary newsletter, needs an editor! This opportunity requires creativity, attention to detail and approximately 10 hours per month.

Familiarity/experience with editing applications such as Canva and Mailchimp is an asset. Training will be provided. Contact Sandra Mills: sandmills*@gmail.com

Issues, Events and Updates

It was with great sadness that Nature Calgary learned of the passing of Gus Yaki on Monday, August 10th. We extend our sincere condolences to Aileen and family.

Countless Calgarians benefitted greatly from his boundless knowledge, enthusiasm and energy in promoting and leading natural history outings and educational opportunities to learn, appreciate and ultimately to protect our natural heritage. Although we will no longer have the pleasure of sharing a nature walk with Gus, his spirit will be with us. It will be sensed in the bird songs of spring and the summer blossoms that brighten our world.



Gus Yaki, Honourary Member
(1932 - 2020)

USING ZOOM MEETINGS: HOW TO

1. **Type zoom into the URL - address bar at top**
2. **If you are prompted to download Zoom do it - it is free.**
3. **Click on "Join a meeting"**
4. **You will be prompted to add the ID number for the meeting**
5. **Then, in the next screen, you will add the password.**

Bird Study Group

Bird Study Group is held at 7:30pm the 1st Wednesday of the month.

Due to COVID-19, meetings will be held via Zoom for Fall 2020. Links and meeting codes will be emailed to members closer to the event date.

**To ensure you get the email you must subscribe to the Bird Study Group. To do this, log in to Nature Calgary, go to My Membership, then email settings and then click the Bird Study Group Updates box.*

Wed Sept 2: Canadian Bird Populations w/Andrew Hart

This talk will review the Bird Study Canada report on the state of Canada's Birds. The actual report data as well as the methodology and source data behind it will be discussed. Selective local Calgary data will be used to give the overall report some context.

Join Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8359376742?pwd=NXJwSU42WDVPRWUrdXdNNjE4bm5zZz09M>

Meeting ID: 835 937 6742

Passcode: 922632

Wed Oct 7: Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society w/Melanie Whalen

This talk will focus on wildlife rehabilitation and the education and research programs at the Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation Society focusing on bird medicine and research. Learn how public stewardship has helped and can help Calgary Wildlife accomplish the goal of releasing injured/orphaned wildlife back to its habitat to fulfill its ecological niche.

Field Trips - Restrictions & Guidelines

The Nature Calgary Board, in the interests of the health and safety of members and the public, have adopted the following guidelines for all outings:

- **Limited to a maximum of 10 participants (members only)**
- **Pre-registration is required.**
- **The use of masks is encouraged if social distance cannot be maintained.**

Participants are responsible for bringing their own food, water, sunscreen, bug spray and any other equipment or supplies that the duration and location of the trip may require.

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Fri, Aug 21 9:30am for approx. 3hrs: Fungi 101 West Bragg Creek. Everything you wanted to know about mushrooms. Searching for fungi and points for identification. Meet at West Bragg Creek Provincial Recreation Area. Park at far end on the left in a smaller bay next to the footbridge. Register by email with leader Karel Bergmann (403-285-2380) at lacerta324*[*gmail.com](mailto:***@gmail.com). Remember to only travel with people in your own “COVID bubble”.

Sat Aug 22, 8:30am - 11:00: Inglewood Bird Sanctuary. Catch early fall migrants. IBS is located at 2425 - 9 Ave SE. Meet in the parking lot. Please register with leader Janet Gill: 403-230-5671 or 403-831-7828.

Sun Aug 23, 8:00am: Confederation Park. Meet at Rosemont Community Hall parking lot, 2807-10th St NW. Located on the west side of 10th Street in Confederation Park. This small urban park can be spectacular for migrating birds. Please register with leader: Howard Heffler at hheffler*[*shaw.ca](mailto:***shaw.ca) (403-804-2489).

Sat, Aug 29, 9:00am for approx. 3hrs: Fungi 101 West Bragg Creek. Everything you wanted to know about mushrooms. Searching for fungi and points for identification. Meet at West Bragg Creek Provincial Recreation Area. Park at far end on the left in a smaller bay next to the footbridge. Register by email with leader Karel Bergmann at lacerta324*[*gmail.com](mailto:***@gmail.com) or 403-285-2380. Remember to only travel with people in your own “COVID bubble”.

Sat Aug 29, 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 or from 37 St. Register with leader Penny Smith, 403-249-5997.

Wed Sep 2, 8:30am: Dale Hodges Park, NW Calgary. From 16 Ave NW take Home Road north to 52nd Street NW, turn left and the first right into the parking lot behind Marantha Church. Since the park's opening last June, 116 species have been recorded on eBird. Register with leader: Dave Russum at russumd*[*telusplanet.net](mailto:***telusplanet.net) or 403-284-4775.

Thu Sep 3, 10:00am to approx. 12pm: Douglas Fir Trail. Meet at south parking lot of Edworthy Park down the hill from the end of Spruce Drive SW. There is some moderate elevation gain and loss on the trail. Please register with leader John McFaul at alpnglo*[*telus.net](mailto:***telus.net) or 403-289-9517.

Fri Sep 4, 9:00am for approx. 3hrs: Fungi 101 West Bragg Creek. Everything you wanted to know about mushrooms. Searching for fungi and points for identification. Meet at West Bragg Creek Provincial Recreation Area. Park at far end on the left in a smaller bay next to the footbridge. Register by email with leader Karel Bergmann at lacerta324*[*gmail.com](mailto:***@gmail.com) or 403-285-2380. Remember to only travel with people in your own "COVID bubble".

Sat Sep 5, 8:30am - 11:00am: Inglewood Bird Sanctuary. Catch early fall migrants. IBS is located at 2425 - 9 Ave SE. Meet in the parking lot. Please register with leader Janet Gill: 403-230-5671 or 403-831-7828.

Thu Sep 10 10:00am to approx. 12pm: Nose Hill Park. Meet at the Berkley Gate Parking lot at 14 Street and Berkley Gate NW. Please register with leader John McFaul at alpnglo*[*telus.net](mailto:***@telus.net) or 403 289-9517.

Sun Sep 13, 8:30am 68th Street SE Wetlands for gulls, shorebirds, etc. Directions: from 17th Ave SE, turn south on 68th Street SE, just beyond the City of Calgary storage compound turn right into parking lot. Plan to walk around the wetlands in a counter- clockwise direction. Total distance is approximately 4.0 km. Dress appropriately for the weather. Register with leader: Howard Heffler at hheffler*[*shaw.ca](mailto:***@shaw.ca) or 403- 804-2489.

Thu Sep 17, 10:00am to approx. 12pm: Confluence Park. Meet in the parking lot at Beddington Blvd. and Beddington Trail NE. Please register with leader John McFaul at alpnglo*[*telus.net](mailto:***@telus.net) or 403 289-9517.

Fri Sep 18, 8:00am. Bird Lafarge Meadows in Fish Creek PP. Meet at boat launch parking lot, S end of Bow Bottom Tr SE. Please register with leader: Anne Belton at ibelton*[*telus.net](mailto:***@telus.net) or 587-233-7339.

Fri Sep 25, 8:00am: Bird Lafarge Meadows (from the south end), FCPP. Access from Macleod Trail east onto 194 Ave SE. Meet at parking lot at the east end of 194 Ave SE. Please register with leader: Anne Belton at ibelton*[*telus.net](mailto:***@telus.net) or 587-233-7339.

Sat Sep 26, 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 or from 37 St. Register with leader Penny Smith, 403 249-5997.

Sat Oct 31, 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 or from 37 St. Register with leader Penny Smith, 403 249-5997.

The Nature Calgary Board has asked that trips be limited to a maximum of ten participants and pre-registration is required.

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