

NATURE NEWS

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To suggest a location or lead a trip
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President's Message

Dear members,

I hope that you are staying well as we enter the fall months. I wish to thank the few members who stepped forward to lead numerous field trips through the summer months. Field trips are the essence of Nature Calgary as our official name The Calgary Field Naturalists' Society attests to. I am confident that through the efforts of our field trip coordinator Howard Heffler and field trip leaders that we can continue to explore the natural world. New leaders are encouraged to contact Howard at: fieldtrips@naturecalgary.com to volunteer to lead a trip.

Due to the continuing coronavirus pandemic we will be hosting our Bird Study and Speaker Series meetings online via the Zoom app. The links to these meetings will accompany the topic listings in our newsletters. I apologize to those members who do not have ready access to a computer to view these virtual meetings, but it is the safest option available until an effective vaccine is developed.

John McFaul,
Nature Calgary President

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 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.

Meeting ID: 893 7648 3170

Passcode: 228779

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89376483170?pwd=SzFyUW5wSkQ5bjV2bHJvTUZ4WTBnZz09>

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

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 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.

Time: Meeting opens at 7:00pm; presentation to begin at 7:30pm

Meeting ID: 834 1871 4357

Passcode: 813870

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83418714357?pwd=RINsRzJxaWpiUFJUdzZLSGpJUFhmdz09>

Wed Nov 4: Raptors and their Habits with Jon Groves

Jon developed a keen interest in natural history growing up in southern Alberta. He has practiced the sport of falconry since his early teens before he took up digital photography in 2001. An ardent conservationist with diverse interests in ecology Jon strives to take unique photographs of less common species. In addition to the sport of falconry he is particularly interested in the observing and photographing of wild raptor hunting behaviour. <http://grovesphoto.com/about>

Time: Meeting opens at 7:00pm; presentation to begin at 7:30pm

Meeting ID: 811 7997 0090

Passcode: 592025

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81179970090?pwd=SFRIK21FbHhNSWJ4Qm9UOXN2dzZPd09>

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.



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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.

 = registration required

Windy Point Hawk Watch: Peter Roxburgh has offered to lead people on a real birding adventure in the Sheep River Valley. He will take a maximum of two people on any one of the dates listed below. See Nature Calgary website for details. <https://naturecalgary.com/2020/09/11/windy-point-hawk-watch-2020-multiple-dates-available/> The dates are Wednesdays and Saturdays: September 16, 19, 23, 26, 30. October 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, 31, November 4. Contact Peter at: roxburgh*@shaw.ca or 403-703-5290.

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 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. Please register with leader Penny Smith, 403-249-5997.

Thu Oct 1, 10:00: Nature Walk Tuscany Ravine. Meet at the parking lot 500 meters north of the Tuscany Blvd and Scenic Acres Link NW intersection. Turn west from Tuscany Blvd. NW to access the parking lot. Expect an up and down walk on dirt/grass trails. Please register with Leader John McFaul at president*@naturecalgary.com or 403-289-9517.

Fri Oct 2, 9:00am: Bird Votier's Flats in Fish Creek PP. Take Elbow Drive to the very southern end and follow it to the parking lot. Please register with leader: Anne Belton at ibelton*@telus.net or 587-233-7339.

Sat Oct 3, 9:00am: Bird Carburn Park. 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). Please register with leader: Nimali Seneviratne at ntern*@telus.net or 403-836-5146.

Sun 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 drive down to a safer access point depending on the number of vehicles and parking space. Directions: From Deerfoot: take 17th Avenue east, 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. Please register with leader: Dave Russum at russumd*@telusplanet.net or 403-284-4775.

Fri Oct 9, 9:00am: Bird Shannon Terrace in Fish Creek PP. From 130 Ave SW, take Woodpath Rd SW south to the last parking lot. Please register with leader: Anne Belton at ibelton*@telus.net or 587-233-7339.

Sat Oct 10, 9:00: Birding Inglewood Bird Sanctuary. The sanctuary is located at 2425 9 Av SE. Meet in parking lot. From Deerfoot Trail, take Blackfoot Trail westbound exit to 19 St SE, then turn left onto 9 Av. Please register with leader: Janet Gill, 403 230-5671 or text: 403 831-7828.

Fri Oct 16, 9:00am: Bird Lafarge Meadows FCPP. Meet at boat launch parking lot, S end of Bow Bottom Tr SE. Please register with leader: Anne Belton at ibelton*@*telus.net or 587-233-7339.

Fri Oct 23, 9:00am: Bird Votier's Flats in Fish Creek PP. Take Elbow Drive to the very southern end and follow it to the parking lot. Please register with leader: Anne Belton at ibelton*@*telus.net or 587-233-7339.

Fri Oct 30, 9:00am: Bird Shannon Terrace in Fish Creek PP. From 130 Ave SW, take Woodpath Rd SW south to the last parking lot. Please register with leader: Anne Belton at ibelton*@*telus.net or 587-233-7339.

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. Please register with leader Penny Smith, 403 249-5997.

Daylight saving time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 1

Fri Nov 6, 9:00am: 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 or 587-233-7339.

Fri Nov 13, 9:00am: Bird Votier's Flats in Fish Creek PP. Take Elbow Drive to the very southern end and follow it to the parking lot. Please register with leader: Anne Belton at ibelton*@*telus.net or 587-233-7339.

Fri Nov 20, 9:00am: Bird Shannon Terrace in Fish Creek PP. From 130 Ave SW, take Woodpath Rd SW south to the last parking lot. Please register with leader: Anne Belton at ibelton*@*telus.net or 587-233-7339.

Fri Nov 27, 9:00am: Bird Lafarge Meadows FCPP. Meet at boat launch parking lot, S end of Bow Bottom Tr SE. Please register with leader: Anne Belton at ibelton*@*telus.net or 587-233-7339.

Sat Nov 28, 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. Please 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.

For all Field Trip details, updates and additions visit www.naturecalgary.com/field-trips



Rare Bird Alert:

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

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