



Langley Field Naturalists

To encourage nature appreciation, conservation and education



Langley Field Naturalists acknowledge we are in the unceded Indigenous lands of the Coast Salish (Stó:lo) people

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Newsletter

December 2025



Dawn Blacklock and Lenore Baker

Photo: Anne Gosse

Our November meeting opened with a song and drumming by Lenore Baker and Dawn Blacklock of the Squamish Nation, who came with their Barred Owl "I will send a message" to offer support of our love for and work to support nature.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH MEMBER'S NIGHT and CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

A brief meeting followed by
Members' slides of their years' highlights
(10-15 pictures per member only please
due to time constraints!)

This is followed by social time.
Please bring finger food to share.

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNTS

White Rock/Surrey/Langley

Saturday, December 27th

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Saturday, January 3rd 2026

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Abbotsford

Tuesday December 30th

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Salmon eggs on the bank of the Little Campbell River

Photo: Lilianne Fuller

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2025 is buttoned up! We have had a great year of walks, presentations, and meetings, so many meetings... The LFN has a lot to be proud of; we are finding new members to join our ranks, connecting members and newbies with nature, and we are speaking up for the local environment over and over. It is a pleasure to volunteer with so many individuals that are all driven by the shared belief that we can make a positive impact on many aspects of our community by stewarding nature.

And while we have accomplished so much, so much of what we do is done by a handful of members. The same members are seen leading walks, attending partner meetings, hosting booths at community events, writing letters, and pulling invasive plants.

In 2026 I would love to see more of our members coming out to join in the fun! And we have a lot of fun! I strongly feel the LFN volunteer opportunities cater to a large range of accessibility and I feel strongly they should continue to be open and available to all.

I am issuing a challenge; I want to see all the fabulous faces that join the regular monthly meetings come out to at least one LFN opportunity in 2026. There will be lots, opportunities like meetings (woohoo!!), invasive plant pulls, community events, walks, and strolls. The hope is you will become so addicted to stepping up for nature in different ways that you will want to challenge me for the presidency!

Thank you, all, for your dedication to nature and I wish you a joy-filled 2026!

Lisa Dreves



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Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month from September to June, starting at 7.30 pm.

Executive meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month Sept - June.



NOEL BOOTH PARK AND BROOKSWOOD POND SATURDAY, AUGUST 30TH



History Lesson

Photo: Perry Poulsen

Noel Booth Park was named after Noel Booth who was a Langley pioneer. Noel Booth and his wife Gertrude arrived in Langley's Fernridge area in 1921. They operated a store that included the post office, with Gertrude acting as the postmistress while Noel commuted to his plumbing business in Vancouver. In 1930 the Booths built a small building next to the store and added gas pumps. They enlarged the store and gas station in 1936 under the name N. Booth's General Store and in 1940 and '41 added stores in Whalley and White Rock. Groceries were delivered during the war and one of their delivery trucks, a Diamond "T", was in service until 1963. Noel Booth served Langley as an Alderman for fifteen years and a school trustee from 1938 to 1941.

Noel Booth Park was a former gravel pit and in the 1970's the park was established, by the Township of Langley, with turf for soccer, baseball diamonds, a playground and picnic area. A raised artificial turf field was installed for soccer in the 2000's.

Our walk started at the 36 Avenue trailhead where we walked south to Anderson Creek. Along the trail we identified Deer Fern, Sword Fern and Bracken Fern. Bracken is waist high and has leaves that are divided 2 - 3 times with fronds that are a triangular shape. We continued along the trail to the new bridge over Anderson Creek and to the upper trail, passing the school yard on the south side of the creek. Perry was recording on e-Bird as we walked and the crows paid little attention as they foraged in the buttercup-covered school playing field.

At Brookwood Pond there were Canada Geese, Mallards and a Kingfisher that flew in. There were trees on the ground, felled by the busy beavers that visit the pond. On the way back, our group was dodging nuts being dropped by a mischievous squirrel and there was scolding coming from the treetops. It turned out that a Cooper's Hawk was chasing away Pileated Woodpeckers so he could hunt in peace. Steller's Jays also added their scolding call to the chase above the trees.



Squirrel dropping nuts

Photo: Perry Poulsen

One of the passing walkers reported that Barred Owls have been sighted recently in the trees near Brookwood Pond. In all there were 25 bird species and we were pleased to see so many Langley walkers and runners enjoying this park that members of our club fought to save.

Nora Truman

FORSLUND WATSON PROPERTY SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH



At Forslund Watson

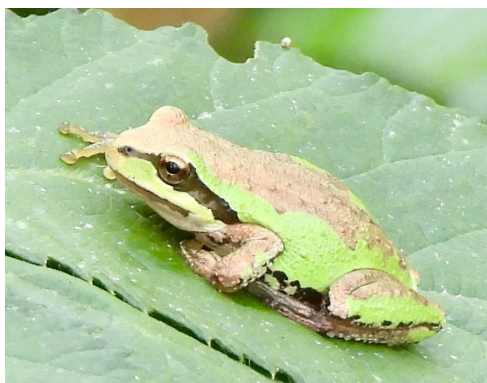
Photo: Ryan Usenik

On a beautiful fall day, 10 adult members and 2

junior members participated in the Forslund Watson walk. With both the main hay field and the area around the vernal ponds having been cut, it made for easy walking.

Thanks to a good rain in July, all but one pond still had some water. Walk participants were able to look at the different ponds that were constructed in different years and see the stages of the natural trees that are coming back.

There was discussion of the next pond(s) that BCIT will be constructing starting on Sept 23/25. With the continued loss of wetlands, this project is helping to reduce this decline and provide a learning opportunity for the BCIT students.



Tree Frog

Photo: Perry Poulsen

Wetlands are the natural environment for amphibians to live and reproduce in. With the vernal ponds being unattractive to invasive bull and green frogs, the ponds at Forslund Watson provide an opportunity for the native amphibian population to reproduce. True to form, tree (chorus) frogs were both heard and observed.

As expected for this time of the year, 25 species of birds were observed and reported to e-Bird.

Ryan Usenik

GEORGE REIFEL MIGRATORY BIRD SANCTUARY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

The LFN walk at Reifel was scheduled to coincide with the fall shorebird migration. We began at the House Pond which had a small flock of Lesser and Greater Yellowlegs. Separating the two species is easy when they are standing next to each other. Bill length and size were the keys to tell the two species apart. It was a useful lesson in bird identification. Also amongst the flock were a few Short-billed

Dowitchers which were distinguished from the Long-billed Dowitchers with the helpful advice from Reifel staff.



Stilt Sandpiper

Photo: John Gordon

Moving on, we searched for a Northern Mockingbird but it eluded us. It has been around for two weeks or more but is super sulky. We were luckier with our second target bird, a Stilt Sandpiper. While we were observing a pair of Least Sandpipers (yellow legs), a larger Stilt Sandpiper appeared out of nowhere and then two Western Sandpipers. The stilt is larger than the two sandpipers and has a slight droop to the bill and prominent white eyebrow. A lifer bird for some of our group.



Western Sandpiper

Photo: John Gordon

Our walk continued when another birder pointed us to the location of a Barred Owl, a nice treat. During our almost three hour walk, we observed 48 species and ended the day with a picnic in the shade.

John Gordon

LANGLEY MUNICIPAL TRAIL AND IRENE PEARCE TRAIL SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

Six LFN members participated in the Irene Pearce walk. Walk participants were able to observe that Metro Parks are off with their best foot, as the

parking lot and trails seem to be well marked and maintained.



Dung-loving Ink Cap Mushroom
Photo: Eric Habisch

The new property that Metro Parks purchased off 232nd Street and connected BC Government property are not open to the public. There is signage that shows the new property as being part of the park.

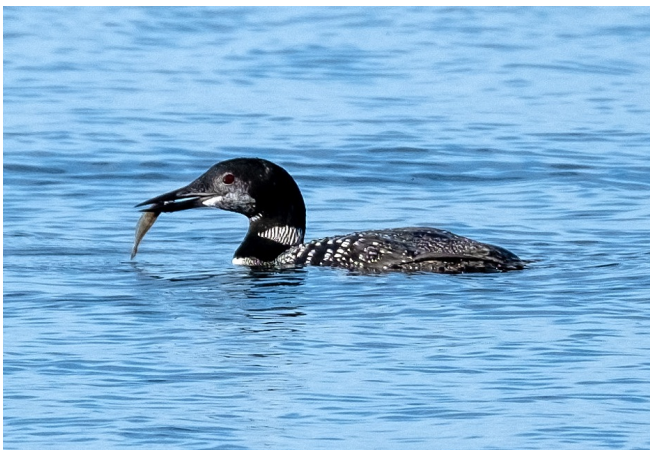
This trail is known as a popular walk to observe mushrooms. They normally appear in large numbers as the rainy season starts. While we were a bit early in the season, we did observe a few early mushrooms.

An abundance of horse dung on the trails is proof that they are also well used by the equestrian community. On one fairly fresh pile of horse dung a good growth of mushrooms was observed. Thanks to modern identification technology, it was appropriately identified as a Dung-loving Ink Cap mushroom. Nobody had an answer as to why we only observed this mushroom on one pile of horse dung. Perhaps if somebody had volunteered to stick their finger in the other dung piles to determine moisture content, we might have come up with an observation explanation.

Ryan Usenik

BLACKIE SPIT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH



Common Loon

Photo: Keith Chrystall

Nine LFN members met in the parking lot on a cool morning. Comments were made about this being the beginning of colder weather and we all wore an extra layer of clothing. We started at the pier where we had a 180 degree view of a calm ocean with very few winter birds to be seen yet. Common Loons and Red-necked Grebes were easy to see and further out Wim found distant Surf Scoters with his scope.

We saw several small birds and a number of Crows as we walked the seawall and as we approached the Spit, three gulls posed for us on the fence posts, Ring-billed, Glaucous-winged and a hybrid Glaucous-winged/Herring Gull which gave a good opportunity to study the plumage differences.

There were quite a few ducks along the edge of the Spit, Mallard, Wigeon and Pintails, together with Greater Yellowlegs and three noisy Killdeer. A flock of Black-bellied Plover flew in and several Savannah Sparrows were heard and seen in the grass. From the end of the Spit, we could see there were a lot of birds across the water and a large number of seals lined up like a lot of logs on the bank. By now the sun had come out, so the jackets we had started out wearing came off as it was so warm.



Evening Primrose

Photo: Keith Chrystall

As we walked onwards, I pointed out a Pacific Crab-apple tree that is always busy with House and Purple Finches in winter. As we approached the Rene Savenye area, we stopped to admire the Evening Primrose which had almost finished flowering. In the slough, we saw a couple of Blue-eyed Darter dragonflies and a Greater Yellowlegs. On our way around the Savenye area, Wim told the story of how Rene, a well-known naturalist, had been killed by a lightning strike while on a hike in the Rocky Mountains.



Osprey

Photo: Keith Chrystall

As it was high tide, there were a number of Herons in the marsh along the slough, together with more ducks, Yellowlegs and an Osprey that flew over. We ended our walk part way along the dyke trail and returned to the parking lot along the woodland trail. Wim recorded 40 bird species and we saw several late-flowering plants but no fungi yet as it has been so dry.

Gareth Pugh

JACKMAN WETLANDS PARK SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

Twelve of us met in the parking lot on a cool dry day, perfect for a Fall walk. On one side the adjacent disc golf course was busy while the movie set to the north was not in use. As we walked along the trail, we came across a few sparrows in the blackberry bushes. Large numbers of European Starlings could be seen and heard in the nearby blueberry field. There were still some flowers to be seen in the grassy meadow, in addition to some mushrooms. There were lots of Trailing Blackberry plants on the trail alongside the dried out wetland. The trail opened up into a wide flat area of gravel that Eric told us he is hoping will become a butterfly/pollinator garden.

We approached the first pond cautiously, hoping to see a Beaver but could only see a couple of



Greater Yellowlegs

Photo: Eric Habissch

Mallards. The water levels are very low at this time of year because there is no stream feeding the area, but the wetland and ponds will fill up during the winter rains. We heard a couple of Tree frogs calling and found a Bullock's Oriole nest before we came to the main pond. Due to the low water levels, it had extensive areas of mud and was busy with a lot of birds that are not usually seen there.



Wilson's Snipe

Photo: Eric Habisch

Using his scope, Wim counted 70 Killdeer together with Long-billed Dowitchers, Greater Yellowlegs and Wilson's Snipe. A Cooper's Hawk glided across the pond, causing the Killdeer to fly up loudly and chase it away. From there it was an uneventful walk back to our cars and then we were off to a local coffee shop for some of us to discuss the walk. Wim recorded 22 species on e-Bird.

Gareth Pugh

WILLIAMS PARK WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8TH

Our fall morning walk in Williams Park started out with a few clouds but not the much-needed rain the salmon have been waiting for. We had 7 participants walking the trails along the Salmon River and Coughlan Creek.

After meeting, we had a discussion about the history of this beautiful park. The former homestead and site of the Salmon River Lumber Company was purchased by Langley Township in 1964. It was saved from development and the current size is now 36.3 acres.

Our walk started with a greeting of bird songs at the bottom of the trail leading down from the playground. Chickadees, Golden-crowned Kinglets, Juncos and one Belted Kingfisher were sighted. A little while later David spotted a Barred Owl on a branch, which we watched preening and ruffling its feathers.

We continued the walk along the river trail to the Bridge and noted the very low water levels. At several stops we saw numbers of small fish. James noted the river water was clear but there seemed to be a lot of sediment along some of the edges. That may be why we didn't spot any Signal Crayfish or Fresh Water Mussels that are found here. Hopefully Salmon will soon make their way down the river so that they can be easily viewed from the bridge. We continued to the "swimming hole" (as the locals call it) at the bridge over 64th Ave. On our return we made a short detour up a side trail and down some stairs that were installed a few years ago. It was noted that the park has been well cared for and contains many places to sit and rest on the numerous benches.

Our walk ended where we first started by the river, but this time a small flock of Robins were bathing and splashing away in the river. The Kingfisher made a final fly by as if to say goodbye to our group. Williams Park is a true gem and a fall visit during the week when it is very quiet is a great time to visit.

Joanne Rosenthal

TRINITY WESTERN UNIVERSITY WALK SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

It was a cloudy Saturday morning with a threat of rain hanging over us, but our merry band of 7 on the walk were only subject to a few sprinkles as we trekked across the Ecosystem Study Area that surrounds the Trinity Western University Langley campus.



Hairy Woodpecker Photo: David Clements



Sulfur Tuft Mushrooms

Photo: Eric Habisch

Waterfowl were strangely absent from the northern end of MacMillan Lake, but eventually we were able to spot quite a few Wood Ducks, Mallards, a Pied-billed Grebe and an American Wigeon. It was great to see the number of Wood Ducks hanging around, especially given the efforts of some of my students who have enrolled in my "duck course" over the last couple of years at Trinity Western University. The students have been building and installing more Wood Duck boxes around the lake and elsewhere in efforts to increase the population. Cavity-nesters like Wood Ducks don't do so well with mature forests in decline, and as they say, "if you build it [a duck box], they will come."



Bracket Fungus

David Clements

We were also regaled by a female Belted Kingfisher flying back and forth on the lake. We spotted 20 bird species altogether, including Golden-crowned Kinglets, a Ruby-crowned Kinglet, a Brown Creeper, and a Hairy Woodpecker who showed off some of his carpentry skills for us.

However, the fungi were also competing for the

spotlight, with quite a number of colorful fungal fruiting bodies appearing as the fall rainy season unfolds. The Sulfur Tufts were particularly colorful, but there were also quite a few oyster mushrooms festooning tree trunks. The fungi were particularly abundant in the back 40 part of the ESA, otherwise known as the "Disneyland for salmon," as this area provides superb rearing habitat for young Coho salmon. We observed the happily trickling streams in the area that are tributaries to the Salmon River which also runs through campus and is soon to be a highway for adult salmon returning to spawn in this very productive Coho River.

<https://ebird.org/mychecklists>

David Clements

TYNEHEAD REGIONAL PARK SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH



Pacific Wren

Photo: Duncan Dixon

A dozen participants joined me at Tynehead Regional Park for a Fall nature walk. The chill of the morning soon wore off when we encountered a mixed flock of birds only minutes into our walk. A Pileated Woodpecker was one of the first sightings; three other species of woodpeckers were observed, including Red-breasted Sapsucker, Downy Woodpecker and Northern Flicker.

Along the Serpentine River, the annual salmon return was in full view. Chinook, Coho and Chum salmon were spawning and busily digging redds in which to lay their eggs. Two hundred and fifty thousand salmon return annually. The smaller male fish follow close behind the female to fertilize the

newly laid eggs. The towering trees above the shaded watercourse held several Bald Eagles while a Belted Kingfisher flew along the riverbank, its distinctive chatter giving away its presence. Dead and decaying fish were commonplace the further we ventured upstream. A wonder of nature we were all privileged to watch.



Amanita Photo: Duncan Dixon

During the walk we were lucky enough to find a vast array of fungi, including numerous molds, which with the use of ChatGPT we were able to identify on the spot. How technology is helping us to understand the web of nature around us. The youngest member of the group helped us download the app during the walk; rather than a hindrance, this opened up a window of learning.



Bald Eagle

Photo: Duncan Dixon

We concluded our walk with a tally of twenty-five species of birds and a dozen mushroom types. Apart from being in and experiencing nature, there was much information shared by our group, many of whom were new to LFN activities. We hope to see them at future LFN events.

John Gordon

PROGRAMMES
DECEMBER 2025 - MAY 2026

Meeting at 7.30 pm at the Langley Community Music School, 4899 207th Street, Langley.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15TH
FALKLANDS, SOUTH GEORGIA
AND ANTARCTICA

John Gordon, Naturalist Photographer

Spectacular scenery, flourishing wildlife and the experience of a lifetime. Join naturalist John Gordon as he shares his recent trip to the Southern Ocean.

www.johngordonphotography.co,

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH
BIOLOGY OF SMALL POPULATIONS:
SONG SPARROWS OF MANDARTE ISLAND

Dr. Katherine Carbeck, Ph.D,
University of British Columbia

Come listen to Katherine's research about our most common birds - Song Sparrows. Her research focuses on the diversity, local adaptation, and genomics of Song Sparrows range-wide. But she can focus broadly on the Song Sparrow system, touch upon her research, and the importance of having the long-term monitoring site locally (on Mandarte Island) for the last 50 years.



Song Sparrow

Web Photo

THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH
RAPTOR RESEARCH AND
EFFECTS OF CONTAMINANTS

Dr. John Elliott, Adjunct Professor,
Biological Sciences, Simon Fraser University

Dr. John Elliot is an award-winning research scientist and the husband of our LFN member Christine Bishop. He will talk about the effects of persistent contaminants (persistent organic pollutants [POPs], heavy metals) on reproduction, survival and general health of wildlife's top

predators (raptors, waterbirds, seabirds and aquatic mustelids).

THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH
ELIZABETHS WILDLIFE CENTER
Brenda Rost, Education Coordinator,
Elizabeth's Wildlife Center

The primary mission is "Rescue, Rehabilitate, Release" - caring for injured, orphaned, and sick wild birds and small animals. What first began as a rescue center from her home expanded into Elizabeth's backyard with construction of aviaries and small housing facilities. She will talk about the role a wildlife rehabilitation center plays in the community, the different kinds of wildlife that comes into the center, what to do if you come across any injured bird or small mammal, hazards for wild animals and birds, and what you can do to help and save wildlife in your community.

THURSDAY, MAY 21ST
BATS IN BC
Terri Lou and Ron Trainer:
BC Bat Ambassadors for Langley

Our Langley City Bat Ambassadors Ron and Terri-Lou attended the MEC Langley's Local Outdoors Group Community Night Event with a bat booth. They are phenomenal at engaging with the community and sharing bat education. Come and hear about the local bats in our area and listen to their fascinating Bat PowerPoint.



Web photo

LANGLEY FIELD NATURALISTS, FIELD TRIPS SCHEDULE DECEMBER 2025 - MARCH 2026

Please Note: anyone wishing to carpool should email to make arrangements beforehand, otherwise please meet at the designated meeting place.

Please let the leader know to expect you. The walks are generally about two to three hours long and are open to all Naturalist Clubs & members of the public (adults & children, but no pets please). Please dress for the weather and bring water, binoculars and a snack (plus bug spray in summer).

Note these walks are weather dependent so if the weather is bad and no registrations are received then the leader will not show up. Unless otherwise noted, washroom facilities are available on these walks.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12TH NOEL BOOTH COMMUNITY PARK AND BROOKSWOOD POND

Leader: Nora Truman
Time: 9:00 am at 20302 - 36th Avenue (at the intersection of 204th Street and 36th Avenue)

Join Nora for a leisurely walk along the trail past Noel Booth Park and around Brookswood Pond. Douglas Fir and Western Red Cedar shade the path where a variety of birds and animals can be found. The area also has Red Alder and Black Poplar (Cottonwood) and is fringed by Hardhack and Salmonberry bushes. Deer and Coyotes live here and in the pond Carp, Brown Catfish and Pumpkinseed can be seen. This is not a long walk so if the weather is clear we can drive east on 36th Avenue to the parking lot just west of 208th Street in Dale Ball Passive Park. There is a large pond with waterfowl and a trail that circles the pond and heads uphill to the forest above, before continuing south and back to the starting point at the bottom of a steep hill. Challenged walkers can take the lower trail back to the parking lot.

E-mail lfsecretary@hotmail.com to register.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24TH SURREY LAKE PARK

Leader: Ryan Usenik
Time: 9:00 am in the parking lot on 152nd Street, just north of 72nd Avenue (note this parking lot can only be accessed from the northbound lane of 152nd Street).

Join Ryan to walk though this Surrey Park past the lake where a variety of water birds spend the winter. After checking out the wetland, we will follow the circular trail through the woods.

Note: there is no washroom at this location.

E-mail jrusenik@telus.net to register.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD GEORGE C. REIFEL MIGRATORY BIRD SANCTUARY, DELTA

Leaders: Joanne Rosenthal and Anne Gosse
Time: 9:00 am at Reifel in the Sanctuary parking lot

Join Joanne and Anne to walk the trails in this well-known nature reserve. Expect to see lots of over-wintering ducks, shorebirds, Snow Geese, Trumpeter Swans and perhaps an owl or two. Please dress for the weather and wear proper footwear. There is a small admission fee. Bring lunch, snacks and refreshments.

E-mail jjrose77@yahoo.com to register.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH ALDERGROVE REGIONAL PARK

Leader: Ted Goshulak
Time: 9:00 am at the main parking lot at the end of the access road off 8th Avenue

Join Ted to walk the trails in this lovely park with its varied habitat, from marsh to mixed forest to open grassland and ponds, to see a great variety of flora and fauna. This is a moderately difficult walk of about 3 kms with some uphill sections.

E-mail tgosh@twu.ca to register.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH CAMPBELL VALLEY REGIONAL PARK

Leader: Viveka Ohman
Time: 10:00 am at 8th Avenue parking lot

Join Viveka to walk the trails through this popular park with its great variety of trees, flowers, shrubs and birds. This is a moderately difficult trail with some ups and downs so please wear appropriate footwear. Walking distance is approximately 5 km. Bring a packed lunch to eat at a suitable spot at the end of the walk.

E-mail vohman@shaw.ca to register.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH
HOUSTON TRAIL IN
DERBY REACH REGIONAL PARK,
NATURE BEYOND NAMES.

Leader: Phil Henderson

Time: 9:00 am in the Houston Trail parking lot
on McKinnon Crescent, Langley

We humans spend a lot of time naming things, then changing those names until we are happy, at least some of us, if only temporarily. Naming and labeling are necessary for us to keep track and sort things out. On this walk, we won't abandon names and categories (raven, bird; fern, plant) but we will try to view nature as a whole, then possibly deconstruct, bringing names into the picture to help us understand and make sense of things. The process of figuring things, such as how organisms fit into their environment and interact with one another, may be more important than figuring things out, because chances are we won't; what we think we've figured out may be entirely speculative and quite possibly, wrong.

Bring your eyes, ears, nostrils, and ideas, however wild and speculative, to the meeting place, rain or shine.

E-mail strix@uniserve.com to register.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 11TH
WHITE ROCK PIER AND WATERFRONT

Leader: Eric Habisch

Time: 9:00 am at the parking lot by the
museum; NOTE paid parking is now in
effect

Join Eric to walk along the pier and the waterfront looking for the variety of sea birds that are seen wintering here. Bring binoculars and a spotting scope if you have one to see those shy birds not close to shore. The tide should be in our favour. Dress warmly as it can get cold at the end of the pier. This is an easy level walk of about 2 kms.

E-mail eric.habisch@gmail.com to register.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH
FORT LANGLEY BIRD COUNT

Organizer: Phil Henderson

Leaders: Phil Henderson and others

Time: 8.00 am to noon, meet at Wendel's at
7:45 am

A great event for anyone interested in birds. You

don't need to be an expert birder to join this fun event which covers Brae Island and Derby Reach Regional Parks. We encourage inexperienced birders, new birders, families, etc.; anyone curious and wanting to learn more about local birds and nature. Participants will walk (a "birdwatcher's saunter") along one of six possible routes. Walks are longish but not physically challenging and all but one are on groomed, gravel Metro Vancouver paths. We will proceed in all but the nastiest weather (i.e., 2' of snow and / or -30°C).

E-mail strix@uniserve.com to register.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST
SEEDY SATURDAY AT THE ARBORETUM

Leaders: Nora Truman and Lisa Dreves

Time: 11:00 am in the parking lot in the
21200 Block Fraser Highway

Come out to the annual Seedy Saturday event (runs from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm) at Derek Doubleday Arboretum. For an added bonus, head out with our leaders, Nora and Lisa, to enjoy the solitude of the end of winter and explore the gardens while discussing the need to practice "lazy gardening" (where we leave the seed heads of perennials and annuals through the winter to feed our local birds and wildlife). Let's see if we can find any remaining seed heads and marvel at their beauty!

Note: if the parking lot is full, St. Andrew's church just across the road allows overflow parking.

E-mail lnsecretary@hotmail.com to register.

SATURDAY MARCH 28TH
TYNEHEAD REGIONAL PARK

Leader: Keith Chrystall

Time: 9:00 am in the parking lot at the
Tynehead Hatchery in the 16700 block
of 96th Avenue

Join Keith to walk the trails of this popular park with its great variety of trees, birds, mammals and shrubs in the watershed where the prolific salmon-bearing Serpentine River rises. Walking distance is approximately 3.5 km on undulating trails so please wear appropriate footwear.

E-mail keith.chrystall@shaw.ca to register.