

## Langley Field Naturalists

To encourage nature appreciation, conservation and education



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From Al & Jude's Archives

#### IN MEMORY OF AL GRASS

On February 13<sup>th</sup> our beloved Al Grass passed away. Jude still lives in the care facility in Surrey.

A founding member of the Langley Field Naturalists, and a mentor to young and old, Al had a vast amount of experience and knowledge.

From his time as the Park Naturalist in Manning Park to his days in the various nature clubs in the Lower Mainland, he loved sharing information - a walk with Al could be only a few steps at a time, because there was so much to see and learn. An insect, a moss, the bark of a tree, a bird ...

Thousands have taken Al's walks and been enthralled by his easy-going teaching method and deep understanding of the natural world and how it works. The couple's vision was to pass on as much knowledge as possible to those following behind. This has certainly come to pass; they have left a trail of footsteps that will continue to inspire. In his words, "Getting a good list of birds is one thing but we also want to know how the birds live; that's what I enjoy. From each one of our walks we hope someone goes away with knowledge they didn't originally have."



BC Nature Fall Meeeting 2010

Photo: Sheila Puls

Al & Jude's story is written in "On the Trail", the story of Langley Field Naturalists.

No memorial is planned at this time, but donations to the BC Naturalists Foundation in his name would be appropriate.

Rest in peace, AI - you will be missed but not forgotten.





And this leaf ...

Photo: Diana Munday



Nothing too small to be interesting Photo: Bob Puls



#### President's message

In my foolishness, let's blame it on my youth, I stopped Roy Yates' slide show too soon at our December meeting. He put together a fabulous slide show to demonstrate the differences between a weekend adventure of the BC Mountaineering Club (BCMC), which started in 1907, compared to a weekend adventure with a naturalist group such as the renegade offshoot

that broke away from the BCMC a little while ago in 1918. Basic difference seems to come down to speed.

Our walks are definitely on the slower side of things. The old saying "it is the journey not the destination" rings true with much of the outdoor pursuits Gareth is able to organize for us as our outdoor programs coordinator. But, the late Al Grass truly excelled at making the journey, no matter how short, mind-blowing.

I had the opportunity to talk to Al about one of the first mini bioblitzes I helped with in Walnut Grove. The Yorkson Watershed Enhancement Society (a fellow BC Nature organization in Langley) wanted to make sure the kids were able to find cool bugs at the event. Al suggested we get a white towel or the fuzzy back of a cheap tablecloth and shake shrubs above it or bang old sticks from the forest together. The creatures fall off and have a heck of a time trying to crawl on the textured surface, giving plenty of time to observe them. I have been using the technique Al's taught me to observe all sorts of insects over the years at many bioblitzes since.

I am so grateful for AI Grass for his mentorship; I am also grateful for the many individuals I have met thanks to his insight to create a group of like-minded individuals to go hiking with (yup, that is where we started, hiking; but, I expect, 50 years ago AI and others went a little faster than recently. We have come a long way, baby!).

I hope everyone is able to take a moment in honour of Al to slow down, observe something tiny, and explore its connection to the world around us.

#### Lisa Dreves



Al photographing a mushroom

Photo: Bob Puls

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Executive meetings are held on the first Wednesday

of each month Sept - June

#### SERPENTINE FEN SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

We gathered between 8:45 and 9:15 on the parking lot next to the river Serpentine as the lock of the gate on the usual spot had been changed. It turned out to be a great sunny day for this walk. We started out with 12 participants, including James junior.



Red-tailed Hawk

Photo: Eric Habisch

While waiting in the parking lot we already had the first birds on our list. As the tide was still high there was still lots of water in this tidal river. We started the walk along the riverside.

In between the Greater Scaup were a few Lesser Scaup, a Great Blue Heron hunting from the banks and Common Goldeneyes, Hooded Mergansers and Common Mergansers in the water.

Eric and Perry were commenting on the birds and their activity. Bald Eagles flying over resulted in a lot of ducks in the air. In the trees and shrubs along the river, we found birds such as Black-capped and Chestnut-backed Chickadees, Red -winged Blackbirds and even a Brown-headed Cowbird plus lots of House Finches.

Heading on the trail towards the ponds and meadows, we started to see high numbers of ducks such as American Wigeon, Mallard, Northern Pintail, and Green-winged Teal, together with small numbers of Wood Duck, Bufflehead, Ring-necked Duck and American Coot. Lisa, Carrie and James speeded up to go home as we were taking too much time for their schedule.

At the powerlines we got a lot of Starlings hanging out and a variety of sparrows on the trail towards the other parking lot: Spotted Towhee, Song, White-crowned, Golden-crowned and Fox Sparrows plus Juncos and Varied Thrushes.

Crossing back through the fen, we found some Marsh Wrens, a Bewick's Wren and Purple Finches.



Bewick's Wren

Photo: Eric Habisch

A very enjoyable 3 and 3/4 hour walk and 4.5 km on a lovely sunny day.

Wim Vesseur

#### BRYDON LAGOON SATURDAY DECEMBER 9TH

Fifteen LFN members (including 3 kids) met at the 53rd Avenue parking lot. The weather threatened us from the beginning, but held off until we were over half way around the lagoon.



Northern Flicker

Photo: Ted Goshulak

A large group of Cackling Geese flew overhead as we began our walk (we stopped counting at 2001 geese).

The lagoon was fairly active with Common and Hooded Mergansers, a lone Canvasback, as well as 20 Wood Ducks. A Bald Eagle sat on a tree near the neighbourhood area and watched our progress around the lagoon. Both Golden-crowned and Ruby-crowned Kinglets were seen and heard, as was a Virginia Rail (only heard).



Steller's Jay

Photo: Ted Goshulak

The younger members of the group were totally engaged, one having a camera with which he took a good number of great photos! As the rain began to fall, a number of participants without rain gear headed back to their cars, while the rest of us finished the loop, ending at Rhys Griffith's memorial stone. 38 Species were seen or heard; thanks to Wim for keeping the species total on eBird! A damp, but enjoyable time was had by all.

Ted Goshulak

#### BLACKIE SPIT THURSDAY DECEMBER 14TH

I woke up to rain hitting on my window and sure I was going to be the only one to show up for the walk, but to my surprise a hardcore group of four showed up in the parking lot across from the pier.

The unexpected turnout, diverse bird sightings, and the natural beauty of the area made for a memorable experience. It's fascinating to witness the variety of wildlife and the seasonal changes in the flora in this area considering the popularity of this park.

Thanks to Wim for bringing his scope and



The intrepid four

Photo: Perry Poulsen

managing eBird counts. On the pier we made observations of the local waterfowl, Red-breasted Mergansers, Horned Grebe, Common Loon, Surf Scoters. With the high tide some were very close but you could see many more off in the distance with the help of the spotting scope. Another surprise was 2 people swimming - yikes, prepping for the polar plunge???

With the tide receding, I wanted to get the group out to the Point. There were many Wigeons out of the water on the grass, including quite a few Eurasians. Canada Geese, Northern Pintails and Mallards all huddled up to the shoreline. With some keen eyes, we were able to see 2 Marbled Godwit amongst the many, with their heads tucked in trying to stay warm on a dark day.

The end of the path never disappoints. We were lucky to watch a huge flock of Dunlin take off in the sky, flying together in an ever-changing pattern, known as a murmuration, always a sight to see.

We continued back along the trail and as we rounded the bend, we could see a number of Greater Yellowlegs through the bushes which also housed a good number of small birds such as Kinglets, Sparrows and Finches. Across the bay we could also see a number of seals on the beach resting.

We took note of some interesting plants; the Darkeyed Juncos were feeding on seeds of Goldenrod, Yarrow was still in bloom and Common Stork's-bill seemed to be taking on fall colors. Wim pointed out some Witches Broom. In the trees above, we knew that all the activity below was being watched carefully by the local resident Bald Eagles who were relaxing, drying out after a wet night. At one point they took the opportunity to chase off a Northern Harrier.

Near the end of the walk, we looked over the river to see several Great Blue Herons grouped together in their winter resting area. I was excited to tell the group that the herons had been nesting behind the community gardens and I thought I knew where there would be a good nest to watch over next year.

To close off our walk, we all got one more surpriseV: a white rabbit that we were unable to coax out of the bush. despite the valiant efforts of everyone's best efforts at "rabbit-calls", is there such a thing? Let's hope that rabbit doesn't become an issue for this beautiful area.

Such a great day, with a great group and a total of 37 species of birds.

Perry Poulsen

#### CAMPBELL VALLEY REGIONAL PARK SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>

We began our walk at the south entrance to Campbell Valley Park and eight of us proceeded down the Ravine Trail, with the hopes of finding some birds after a wet and soggy week. Though it was quiet, all of us enjoyed the walk through the forest with its old trees. Now and then we heard the song of Pacifc Wren and Varied Thrush in the far distance.

We came out onto the boardwalk deck and looked and listened to no avail for bird songs and calls. Eventually we heard both wrens (Pacific and Bewick's) and saw Song Sparrows, with the odd Spotted Towhee peeking through the reeds. 3 Bald Eagles were also seen feasting on something on the ground. As the meal looked easy to tear apart and swallow,my guess was that it was the remains of salmon.

Then we proceeded to the south part of the trail, where our gazes fell from the empty treetops to the ground, with Herman stirring up the leaves and finding beautiful Birds Nest Fungus. So now our so -called Bird walk was turning into a mushroom, fungus foray as more and more mushroom/fungi

were found and identity discussed. Thankfully Joanne used iNaturalist on her phone which became a help identifying these mushrooms. One member of the group even found something that looked like dog vomit (ugh) and there is a jellied slime called Dog Vomit, but I have no idea whether it is correct or not.



British Soldiers or Cladonia

Photo: Viveka Ohman

We spent lunchtime in the charming gazebo by the pond - do love that area but also slim on any birdlife except for 2 Mallards. So off on another walk and this time down onto the meadow trail leading us to the boardwalk and onto the Listening Bridge. Now things changed.



Chestnut-backed Chickadee

Photo: Viveka Ohman

Suddenly we were surrounded and serenaded by Black-capped Chickadees which were charming but what they wanted was food which we did not have. Along with them came Song Sparrows, Chestnut-backed Chickadees, Spotted Towhees and a Steller's Jay with both wrens calling in the background and a Douglas Squirrel climbing around the benches. To be surrounded by the birds as they were so close was an absolutely exhilarating experience, especially when a Wood Duck came out from the reeds. It was a fine way to end our day and we walked back contemplating our surprising experience at the bridge.

Viveka Ohman

#### SURREY LAKE PARK SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>

18 Adults and 2 children participated in the Surrey Lake Park walk. This manmade lake is an excellent wetland that is a very popular spot to observe numbers of waterfowl.



A beaver-felled tree

Photo: Ryan Usenik

While still early February, spring was in the air. A Bald Eagle was observed in the distance resting on a tree limb, next to an established eagle nest. Several branches of undergrowth trees were showing signs of bud formation. On the lake, Mallard Ducks were observed practicing courtship maneuvers. The comment was made that if Mallard Ducks are going to fledge more than one batch of ducklings a year, they have to start early.

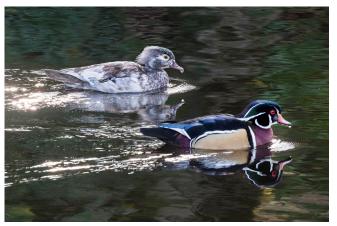
It was an excellent day for birding with 40 species reported to eBird. Two prized species observations were a Canvasback and a Ruddy Duck.

As expected around a lake, there was evidence of

beaver activity. One cottonwood tree had recently been cut down. The beaver had made his cut point over 5 feet above the ground. There was another fallen tree beside it and the beaver had obviously walked up the fallen tree and proceeded to cut down his tree of choice. A good day enjoyed by all.

Ryan Usenik

#### FISHTRAP CREEK LOOP THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>



Leucistic Wood Duck

Photo: John Gordon

Five participants joined me to brave a somewhat chilly day at Abbotsford's Fishtrap Creek Park. We were greeted by snowflakes and gusty winds. The birds however were plentiful, with 36 species observed. The highlight was a perched Merlin followed by another; both flew off together. Another special sighting was a leucistic Wood Duck which had a male in tow. It has been around for several years despite its lack of "camouflage". The 1.8 km walk is suitable for all, including wheelchairs. The numbers were boosted when we found a feeder that had a flock of House Finch, American



Downy Woodpecker
Photo: John Saremba

Goldfinch and other garden species. A number of splendid Varied Thrush were seen and for a moment the cold was forgotten. Our last sightings were Ruby-crowned Kinglets hawking insects and a few Pine Siskins.

John Gordon

### PROGRAMMES MARCH - JUNE 2024

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>
WILD RESEARCH IONA BIRD BANDING STATION
Florian Reurink, Program Manager

The Iona Island Bird Observatory (IIBO) monitors populations of migratory birds in an ecologically important park in Richmond, British Columbia. Our spring and fall programs contribute to our understanding of annual and seasonal changes in songbird migration and stopover use along the globally important Pacific Flyway, a major migration route that runs along the coastal Americas.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> COSTA RICA, THE NATURAL WONDERS! Joanne Rosenthal and Anne Gosse

Come along with our members Joanne and Anne on their exciting journey of discovery in Costa Rica. Hear stories and see pictures of the three types of monkeys, the two types of sloths and the other tropical animals and colorful birds they encountered. A stimulating experience with great memories of this country's natural history, environment, wildlife and culture.

## THURSDAY, MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OKAVANGO DELTA, IN BOTSWANA! David and Diane Reesor, Reesor Photography

Come listen and see beautiful pictures about this wild African area. Once each year Botswana is the largest inland untouched delta in the world. The annual flooding brings the migration of Africa's animals, as well as some former rivals to drink together in the same waters. View images of the local people, colorful birds. Wild dogs on the hunt and feeding their pups. Lions teaching their cubs to get their feet wet in river crossings.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND SOCIAL

Hear the year's highlights, vote in your new executive, and bring goodies to share over our year-end social time.





BC NATURE CONFERENCE
AND
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 9 - 12, 2024

#### **TAKING ACTION for NATURE**

**HOSTED BY: Arrowsmith Naturalists** 

VENUE: Qualicum Beach Civic Centre, 747 Jones Street, Qualicum Beach, BC

Keynote speaker Dr. Loys Maingon Biodiversity Rhythms: Preserving Old -growth Algae and Fungi for Future Generations and Cultures

#### **CONGRATULATIONS ANNE GOSSE**



Photo: Joanne Rosenthal

On February 23<sup>rd</sup> Anne received the Derby Reach/Brae Island Park Association's Green Legacy award for her dedication to environmental conservation and awareness education. Well deserved, Anne, we are proud of you.

#### Langley Field Naturalists, Field Trips Schedule, March 2024 - June 2024

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

Please call to 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 calls are received then the leader will not show up.

Unless otherwise noted washroom facilities are available on these walks.

THURSDAY MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup>
HOUSTON TRAIL,
DERBY REACH REGIONAL PARK.
Birds & Bryophytes!

Leader: Phil Henderson

Time: 9:00 am at the parking lot on Allard

Crescent

Join biologist Phil Henderson to learn about bryophytes which include mosses and their relatives: tiny but beautiful plants that flourish in moist, shady sites. We will also drop down to the wetland water edge to have a look for waterfowl. Bring binoculars and hand lenses if you have them. This is a walk of about 4.3 kms with some hills.

Phone 604-888-1571 or strix@uniserve.com to register.

### SATURDAY MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> TYNEHEAD VALLEY REGIONAL PARK

Leader: Gareth Pugh

Time: 9:00 am in the parking lot at the

Tynehead Hatchery in the 16700 block

of 96th Avenue

Join Gareth 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. *Phone:* 604-649-1027 or gareth@intergate.ca to register.

### SATURDAY MARCH 23<sup>RD</sup> 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 - 2:00) 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 seedheads of perennials and annuals through the winter to feed our local birds and wildlife). Let's see if we can find any remaining seedheads and marvel at their beauty! Note: if the parking lot is full, St. Andrew's church just across the road allows overflow parking. *Phone 604-533-4585 or Ifnsecretary@hotmail.com to register.* 

### SATURDAY APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> TRINITY WESTERN UNIVERSITY

Leader: David Clements

Time: 9:00 am at the University, 22500

**University Drive** 

Trinity Western University's Ecosystem Study Area (the ESA) is comprised of diverse riparian habitats surrounding waterways, including tributaries of the Salmon River, the Salmon River itself and MacMillan Lake. These habitats are home to a diversity of plant and animal species. Many bird species can be seen, including numerous passerines, raptors, and waterfowl. There is extensive rearing habitat for Coho Salmon and the forested areas are also home to the endangered Oregon Forest Snail which has been studied extensively by Trinity Western researchers. The ESA serves as an excellent outdoor classroom for Trinity students and is also open to the public with an extensive network of recently upgraded trails.

Phone 778-871-9123 or e-mail clements@twu.ca to register and for instructions on where to park. Parking is \$5 for three hours.

## THURSDAY APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> GEORGE C. REIFEL MIGRATORY BIRD SANCTUARY

Leader: Anne Gosse and Joanne Rosenthal

Time: 9:00 am at Reifel

Join Anne and Joanne to walk the trails in this well-known nature reserve. Expect to see and hear lots of birds in the middle of the breeding season and a great variety of trees and shrubs. Please dress for the weather and wear proper footwear. There is a small admission fee. Bring lunch, snacks and refreshments. Meet in the Reifel Sanctuary parking lot.

Phone 604-888-1787 or e-mail corkie1@shaw.ca to register.

#### SATURDAY APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> GREAT BLUE HERON RESERVE

Leader: Wim Vesseur

Time: 9:00 am at the Reserve, 5200 Sumas

Prairie Road, Chilliwack (Hwy 1 Exit

109)

Join Wim to explore this Nature Reserve which has 325 acres of wetlands located on the un-dyked floodplain of the Vedder River. Managed by the Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve Society, this site is known for its large breeding colony of Great Blue Herons - as well as a wide variety of wildlife and vegetation. At this time of year the Herons should be nest building with lots of activity within the colony while Wood Ducks, Pileated Woodpeckers and Bald Eagles are busy too. The reserve also has beautiful walking trails.

Phone: 604-534-3447 or

e-mail wimntineke@shaw.ca to register.

#### SATURDAY APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> FORSLUND WATSON PROTECTED AREA

Leader: Ryan Usenik

Time: 9:00 am at 2705 - 232nd Street

Join Ryan as he leads us through this property which LFN co-manages with the B.C. Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource and Rural Development and is part open fields and part woodland. Wear sturdy footwear as we will be walking in open fields and natural woodland trails. Phone 604-530-3257 or e-mail jrusenik@telus.net to register.

Note: there are no washroom facilities at this location.

## SATURDAY MAY 4<sup>TH</sup> GLOUCESTER ESTATES, WEST CREEK HEADWATERS WETLANDS

Leader: Ted Lightfoot

Time: 9:00am at 5458 - 272nd Street,

Aldergrove

Join Ted for a walk around this important wetland where salmon spawn, beavers build their dams and a variety of birds live and breed. Ted will show us the beaver dams and explain how they create such a valuable habitat in the midst of an industrial development. Dress warmly, bring a lunch and a warm drink.

Phone 604-856-6138 or e-mail Itlightfoot@shaw.ca to register.

### SATURDAY MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> KRANNITZ PROPERTY

Leader: Rhys Krannitz

Time: 9:00 am at 7075 - 264th Street at the

green farm gate

Join Rhys for a gentle walk through the Krannitz family gardens and forest. The property was bought as over-grazed cattle pasture and has been actively stewarded for nearly 40 years. Rhys will discuss the history of the area and their stewardship of land and gardening.

Phone 778-878-2515 or

e-mail rhyskrannitz@gmail.com to register.

Note: there will be a limit of 20 participants for this walk

## SATURDAY MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SPARROW CREEK FARM 23000 RAWLISON CRESCENT, LANGLEY

Leader: Roy Cline

Time: 9:00 am, Park near the gate to the pond

or come up the gravel driveway to park

near the house or barn.

Join Roy for a walk to enjoy the ecosystem diversity of this 7-acre property. Explore a pond, wetland, a coniferous forest and a wild pasture. In addition there is a barn with 2 horses and 4 pet goats. There is an active amphibian habitat restoration project of the pond and the wetlands. A brisk walk would be 45 minutes or meandering of 2 hours.

Phone 778-999-8215 or e-mail clineroy@gmail.com to register.

### SATURDAY JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup> GLEN VALLEY SPRING BIRD COUNT

Leader: Lisa Dreves Time: 6:30 am

Meet at Poplar Bar to split into groups to cover several different areas. The count runs until about 12:00 when we return to Poplar Bar to enjoy a potluck lunch and compare results. Please contact Lisa so we know to expect you. It is early and we know sometimes people forget to set their alarm and we don't want to drive away if there is a possibility of extra help!

Phone 604-729-3815 or e-mail stewardship@leps.bc.ca to register.

## SATURDAY JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> SALMON RIVER NATURAL AREA, FORT LANGLEY

Leader: Eric Habisch

Time: 9:00 am at the Trailhead on Billy Brown

Road closest to 96th Avenue

Join Eric on a leisurely walk around this natural wetland area nestled between the Fort Langley Golf Course, Bedford Landing neighbourhood and the Bedford Channel. Usually a good number of ducks, songbirds at the neighbours' feeders, a kingfisher out in the channel, springtime arrivals or maybe even the resident beavers. If time permits we can also meander a bit of the Fort to Fort Trail. Walking distance is 2.2 kms on gravel trails with a couple of inclines.

Phone 778-231-0273 or e-mail eric.habisch@gmail.com to register

### SATURDAY JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> IRENE PEARCE TRAIL

Leader: Perry Poulsen

Time: 9:00 am in the parking lot on 224th

Street at 5th Avenue

Join Perry to walk the trails in this rural park that was turned into a park after pressure was exerted by the Council of Ratepayers and LFN. It is part of the Municipal Natural Park with the Little Campbell River flowing through it with stands of mature Douglas Fir. *Phone 604-366-4695 or e-mail pwpoulsen@gmail.com to register.* 

# SATURDAY JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> GRANT NARROWS PROVINCIAL PARK /ADDINGTON MARSH WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Leader: Lisa Blanchard

Time: 9:00 am at Grant Narrows Provincial

Park parking lot

Join Lisa to look for the birds that use this large dyked marsh area, with its several viewing towers, which is on a major migration route for bird life and has the largest tidal lake in the world. Dress for the weather and bring a packed lunch.

Phone 604-818-7973 or e-mail lisaree@telus.net to register.

### SATURDAY JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup> ALDERGROVE REGIONAL PARK

Leader: Keith Chrystall

Time: 9:00 am at the main parking lot at the

end of the access road off 8th Avenue

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

Phone 604-427-3725 or e-mail keithchrystall@shaw.ca to register.

#### **SOUTH LANGLEY CROW COUNT**

Begins Monday March 4th

5.15 pm at 1062 - 256<sup>th</sup> Street

Register: stewardship@leps.bc.ca



Coming in to roost

Photo: Wim Vesseur