



Lillooet Naturalist Society – report for BC Nature – Aug 2009

- Greg Smith led an expedition to Churn Creek protected area in June. Fifteen naturalists and Ordell Steen from the Grasslands Council joined him for education and enjoyment of this ecosystem. Greg organized an amazing camp. They spent four days in the Lone Cabin area and we look forward to hearing about this trip in the autumn.
- A great day was spent at the Bridge River Fishing Rocks learning all about the salmon and traditional uses and knowledge of the fishery. Food and games were enjoyed along with the education.
- Mountain bluebird outings were held in May and June.
- We supported a project to create a wetland at the elementary school June 24th.
- The restoration project is in full swing and many educational and outreach activities have been scheduled to compliment the project. These include an evening studying bats and brainstorming and visioning with naturalists and the public about future educational opportunities and the feasibility of a nature centre. Two biologists were in town overnight June 13th to conduct a BCRP evaluation audit of the restoration site - very informative and helpful for our staff and volunteers.
- We provided financial assistance to one young woman from Shalalth to join Fin Donnelly and the Rivershed crew for this season's trip down the Fraser River. We look forward to celebrating their arrival at Lillooet August 22nd and plans for the Salmon in the Canyon festival are in the works.
- A naturescape garden highlighting water conservation and our restoration project were featured in the local annual Garden Tour.
- The local drought has been one of the worst in memory and many activities were disrupted when the wildfires happened in the area.