

Lillooet Naturalist Society – report for BC Nature – February 2008

- Supported proposals for local research on the long-eared Myotis as well as ongoing studies on Mule Deer and Grizzlies, and riverine birds on the Bridge River.
- This year's powerhouse project work has been completed - Kim has completed a comprehensive report and plan for us, and submitted another application for funding in 2008. We were really pleased to receive a grant from BC Nature for \$1,800 towards this project as well.
- Purchased bat houses and screech owl houses for the site and rec'd a local donation of another owl box.
- Kim North remains active with the Rivershed Society and we are lobbying for Project Rivershed to become more active in Lillooet.
- Purchased copies of Jared Hobb's and Dick Cannings book Spotted Owls Shadows in an Old - Growth Forest and donated a copy to our local library and gave copies to our directors, MOF and sold and raffled off the remainder.
- Rec'd a generous donation of a backpack for hiking and added that to our December fundraising raffle.
- Wrote letters of concern objecting to heli-recreation proposals in Cayoose corridor.
- Teamed up with the Peace and Ecology group to rent the film 11th Hour and enjoyed seeing that December 8th.
- We heartily support BC Nature signing on to Nature Canada's statement for Environmental Sustainability that was circulated.
- Wrote a letter to support the local District applying for funding from Trees Canada for trees for our parks and downtown area to replace the dead and dying pines.
- A Cook's Petrel crash landed at Lillooet December 4th, and sadly died December 6th in spite of our best rehabilitation efforts
- We have added the Double-crested Cormorant and White-throated Sparrow to our local checklist.
- We hosted a presentation by director Ken Wright on December 28th about Mule Deer ecology and migration.
- Purchased five copies of Rare Birds Yearbook 2008 (before I realized the price was in pounds - no worries, well worth the cost and I have learned it's easy to purchase a money order for pounds at the Post Office) and donated a copy of that to our library along with a copy of The Last Wild Wolves, by Ian McAllister.
- Christmas Bird Counts at Hat Creek December 16th and at Lillooet December 29th.
- Results and all our news www.lillooetnaturalistsociety.org
- Our AGM is February 16th, currently we have 40 members, 20 individuals and 20 families.

