



Lillooet Naturalist Society – report for BC Nature – February 2009

- In November we had a table at the local Christmas Craft Fair and we were busy with inquiries and signed up a couple of new members.
- Kim North has completed the report on the restoration project and our application to BCRP has received informal approval for next season. Thanks very much to Bev Ramey for a stunning support letter for our funding applications. WHA status has been confirmed for this restoration site which is good news indeed.
- We also supported applications to BCRP funding for Coastal tailed frog research as well as continued study of our area Mule deer.
- On December 6th we held a well attended evening of presentations about the Fraser River, our Mountain Bluebird project and an update from the Northern Spotted Owl recovery team.
- We held a planning and education session on the evening of December 27th before our CBC on the 28th. We had 30 birders for the Count with 56 species recorded on the Day and another 6 for the Week.
- An injured Western Screech owl was taken to OWL in late December but, unfortunately, did not survive (one less red-listed owl). In January a Western Screech owl was spotted by two keen birders in the trees just across the river from the restoration project - we hope he or she will find their way to our site, where nest boxes have been installed. We also added Great Grey owl to our bird checklist in January.
- We appreciate the efforts of BC Nature to bring the steady state economy idea forward with Nature Canada. Also, Bev Ramey kindly put us forward for an award with Fraser Basin Council (doesn't look like we made the shortlist - but thanks Bev).
- Letters were written to Chuck Strahl, our MP, again, opposing the port development on the Fraser River estuary as well as against the Burn's Bog Perimeter Road proposal.
- BC Wildlife Federation is planning to create an educational wetland at one of our schools, which we are supporting.
- Our annual general meeting is February 22, 2009.
- We completed the footwork for the Lillooet September camp and early registration looks promising - there are a few spots still open at the time of writing.