



## ***Lillooet Naturalist Society – report for BC Nature – November 2008***

- The Powerhouse restoration work continues and we held public walks and talks during August and September. People are impressed. Damage and garbage dumping are down at the site and bird activity is up. The summer students have written reports about their summer working experiences. A Salmon in the Canyon Festival was held August 16th - timed to also celebrate and welcome Fin Donnelly and Rivershed Society. Our main funders from BCRP toured the site August 21st and provided a positive review. We are working on the report and applications for next year. We also applied to the Fraser Basin Council for some exploratory funding for an interpretive 'centre' to enhance our restoration work project in future. We received \$4K from the Royal Bank's funding for that project as well. BC Nature has been helpful with the project during the year - thank you.
- Bluebird outing September 7th - final clean-up and tallies and preparation for the Spring arrivals - wonderful bluebird activity.
- Shoreline clean-up September 21st. Two members attended a meeting about Salmon at Xwisten (Bridge River).
- Circulated general updates re. conservation including threats to bats with wind turbines and White-nosed syndrome.
- Kim North and a brand new member, Maggie, attended the fall FBCN meetings for us - nice for Kim to meet some of the BC Nature folks she has been working with.
- Completed a survey for the new community coordinator of Lillooet. We were pleased to be featured as "Community Heroes" in the local newspaper.
- Supported applications for funding through BCRP for bat and tailed frog research in our area next season as well as Grizzly Bears. Attended the St'at'imc Climate Change conference hosted by Titqet Oct 25th.
- What a Way to Go' film by the Peace and Ecology group November 1st.
- Helped to host a lecture series on the Fraser River with speakers Richard Blacklaws and Richard Mackie November 6th. We look forward to hosting a series of lectures over the next four years.
- December 6th meeting planned for presentations on the Fraser River SLLP program that two LNS member participated in, as well as an update on the bluebirds and the Northern Spotted Owl from one of the Recovery Team members.
- Christmas Bird Count December 28th.
- Footwork for the Lillooet BC Nature camp September 2009. See the winter edition of BC Nature for registration information.

Photo by Doug Grossler - Lillooet naturalists on the Lichen walk October 19<sup>th</sup>



Photo by Ian Roe - Lichen.

