

**Doug Burles, a BC bat researcher and expert**, was in Lillooet May 22nd to 24th, 2009. He gave a very good presentation all about bats at the REC Centre Saturday afternoon.



In the evenings we did some monitoring using bat locators to identify bat activity and the presence of species. With some sophisticated equipment Doug recorded the echolocation calls of the bats and created sonograms that could be analyzed to help identify bat species. We confirmed the presence of California myotis and Silver-haired bat among others.

Twenty people came out for the Saturday evening events - the children were particularly good at spotting the bat shadows as they flitted by, and it was exciting to be able to simultaneously confirm them through the sounds and sonograms of the equipment.

Doug was visiting Lillooet to provide some bat expertise and guidance to the Powerhouse restoration crew. He toured the site and provided some monitoring recommendations as well as making suggestions for habitat improvements.



The restoration project is funded in part by BC Hydro's BCR program and is a community partnership project with Cayoose Creek St'at'imc and others. Kim North is the coordinator of the project and organized Doug Burle's visit to Lillooet. We were very glad to have his expertise and experience and we made the most of this bat education opportunity.



Vivian Birch-Jones is at the Lillooet Naturalist's education table set up at Doug's presentation.