

Biographies

- Birders** Alan Burger, Ian Routley, Jeff O'Kelly and Aleda Johnson, and Ken Wright will be leading the morning bird trips. All of these leaders are accomplished birders and familiar with our habitats and birds.
- Banwell, Tristan and Aubyn** Tristan has a rural upbringing and a BSc in Conservation. Aubyn has the artistic eye, green thumb and culinary background. At Spray Creek Ranch they are working to encourage diversity, improve soil health and create space for nature while providing local markets with diverse meats of known provenance and unparalleled quality.
- Birch-Jones, Vivian** Vivian is the President of the Lillooet Naturalist Society, a member of Bat Conservation International and a member of the BC bat working group. She is responsible for many bat projects in the area, such as installing bat houses at the Old Bridge, and compiling the Lillooet bat brochure. She promotes the ecological benefits of our bats for school classes and the Lillooet public.
- Davis, Larry M.Sc., R.P.Bio** Larry has completed many research projects on the habitat relationships and requirements of Fishers in British Columbia. In 2013, he completed a DNA-based inventory for Fisher in the Bridge River watershed. Other work on Fishers includes a Master's Degree on Fisher ecology in the Chilcotin. Mr. Davis is a member of the BC Fisher Working Group and has experience working with First Nations, trappers and the forest industry.
- Friele, Pierre M.Sc., PGeo, Terrain Specialist** Pierre is an accomplished and published geologist. He has lived and worked in the Sea to Sky corridor his whole career and knows the Lillooet area well; he has led wonderful geology tours for the Lillooet naturalists in the past which were greatly appreciated.
- Galliazzo, Christine RPF** Christine Galliazzo has lived in Lillooet for 27 years and works in the position of First Nations Liaison/Stewardship Forester for the Provincial Government. She is the Secretary/Director of the Lillooet Naturalist Society and leads the Bluebird Nest Box trail maintenance and monitoring for our area.
- Hobbs, Jared M.Sc., R.P.Bio.** Jared Hobbs is a Senior Wildlife Biologist and Technical Expert with Hemmera, and was previously a senior biologist with the Province. He has completed numerous projects in the Lillooet area, including studies on owls, bats, amphibians and Grizzly bears. He is an expert on Lillooet Species at Risk and their habitats.
- Iredale, Francis M.Sc., R.P.Bio** Francis Iredale is a Wildlife Biologist for the province of BC, based in Kamloops. He has enjoyed learning and studying about a wide array of native species in and around the Lillooet area. He started his career with a focus on recovering Species at Risk and has recently transitioned to working on ungulates, carnivores and meso-carnivore species. Francis is very knowledgeable about wildlife projects that he has contributed to in partnership with the Lillooet Naturalist Society, the community of Lillooet and local First Nation communities.
- Jack, Candice** Candice is a Xwisten (Bridge River band) community member. She is a lifelong student and teacher of St'át'imc traditional skills and practices.

Machell, Bill	Bill is a well-respected elder with the T'it'q'et band. He has served as Chief and Councilor for many years. He was the lead for the creation of the S7istken (pithouse), the traditional winter home of the St'át'imc, which is a community project that brings generations and cultures together.
Mascher, Maria, Aitken, Kevin and Bodaly, Scott	Maria, Kevin and Scott are all Lillooet naturalists, keen outdoor enthusiasts and avid hikers.
Michel, Gerald (Bobo)	Gerald Michel is the Lands and Resources Coordinator for the Xwisten (Bridge River) Band. He has over 20 years' experience as a Councilor for the Band. He has extensive knowledge about all aspects of land and natural resources management and represents the Band in meetings concerning logging, mining and fisheries.
North, Kim	Kim has over 30 years in the silviculture and farm industries and ten years in environmental project management. She is the lead on many local restoration projects and manages Splitrock Environmental business. Her projects have resulted in great appreciation in our community about our ecology and the value of restoration and conservation.
Raniseth, Andy BSc	Andy grew up in the Eastern Provinces and has lived in British Columbia and Alberta since then, the last 20 years in Kamloops. He has had a lifelong interest in nature. Andy has worked as a park naturalist in Jasper National Park and is past president of both the Peace Parkland Naturalists and the Kamloops Naturalist Club. He has also assisted at Thompson Rivers University with gopher and rattlesnake studies and has extensive experience with reptiles in many parts of the American Southwest and BC.
Rasmussen, Jacquie P.Ag	Jacquie Rasmussen is a Professional Agrologist who has lived and worked in Lillooet for over 20 years. She is currently the Executive Director for the Lillooet Regional Invasive Species Society. Her other work has included range management, Grizzly bear conservation, species at risk, and ecosystem restoration.
Roshard, Christ'l	Christ'l, leader of the Fort Berens vineyard tour, is a long term Lillooet resident and member of one of the first grape growing/winemaking families in town. She has been instrumental in the establishment and success of the Fort Berens winery and will share her enjoyment and extensive knowledge with you on the free tours of the estate.
Routley, Ian	Ian is a founding member of the Lillooet Naturalist Society and was Coordinator for the area Breeding Bird Atlas. He is an expert local birder and a keen naturalist. Ian is a wildlife photographer of note.
Scafe, Bob	Bob Scafe is a Merritt naturalist with a keen interest in butterflies and moths. In 2014, while on a birding tour to Vietnam, Bob became fascinated with these ephemeral creatures and has been studying and photographing them ever since. Bob describes himself as an 'old but enthusiastic' naturalist.
Scholz, Odin Restoration Ecologist	Odin is a Restoration Ecologist who was hired to help the Lillooet Naturalist Society with our first restoration project. He subsequently moved to Lillooet and has been employed on restoration and conservation projects since then. We are lucky to have his expertise in our community.

Strong, Robin RFT	Robin Strong is a Registered Forest Technologist specializing in ecosystem restoration. She is the manager of the Xaxli'p Community Forest, which is a First Nations-owned community forest that focuses on the ecological and cultural restoration of the forests in Xaxli'p Survival Territory.
Vanderwolf, George	George is a longtime Lillooet resident and mining pioneer. He is a local historian and knowledgeable about Lillooet area mining, mountains and geology.
Weir, Richard M.Sc., R.P.Bio	Richard is the Carnivore Conservation Specialist for the Ministry of Environment, a Registered Professional Biologist and a Master of Science. His work and experience in BC is extensive and we are lucky to have this BC expert working on wolverines in the Lillooet area.
Wright, Eleanor	Eleanor Wright has been a resident of a Lillooet-area small rural community for over 40 years. She is passionate about wilderness, biodiversity conservation, watershed protection, ecosystem-based forestry, herbalism and building respectful and effective First Nation relationships.
Wright, Ken	Ken is a founding member of the Lillooet Naturalist Society and was instrumental in starting the Lillooet Christmas Bird Count - now in its 17th year. Ken is an international birder and a Lillooet expert. He works seasonally as a seabird biologist on the BC coast and has extensive experience working on the ecology of loons in the Arctic as well as working as a naturalist on trips to Antarctica. Recently he initiated the Clark's Nutcracker surveys as part of a larger project to conserve the endangered Whitebark Pine ecosystem. Ken serves as the Squamish-Lillooet regional reviewer for Cornell's eBird Project. Ken is a wildlife photographer of note.
Young, Kathryn, Ashtanga yoga instructor	Morning Yoga with Kathryn Young. Come salute the sun at an invigorating ashtanga flow class. Lots of stretching, strengthening, and balance poses to tune-up the body for the rest of the weekend. Great for all levels.