



ABBOTSFORD MISSION NATURE CLUB ACTIVITIES

November/December 2025

“Know nature and to keep it worth knowing”

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Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month (except July and August) at 7:30 p.m.
at the Ravine Park Hatchery, 2395 Crescent Way, Abbotsford
by the Abbotsford Arts Centre

The objectives of the Abbotsford-Mission Nature Club

- *To enjoy and interpret natural history*
- *To promote an understanding and an appreciation of natural ecosystems*
- *To promote the concept of stewardship of natural resources*
- *To participate as naturalists in public consultations related to questions of environment and development in the Abbotsford and Mission area*

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 @ 7:30 pm

Habitat Restoration of Watersheds in the Fraser Valley by Rachel Drennan



Join us as we take a deep dive into the habitat enhancement and restoration efforts FVWC has undertaken over the past year! Through compelling photos and stories, we will showcase the transformation of our project sites, highlighting the challenges faced, the restoration techniques put to the test, and the lessons learned along the way. Discover how adaptive management keeps our ecosystems thriving and ensures each site has the best chance of long-term success. Most importantly, we hope to explore how we can work together to amplify our work. Collaboration is key to building a healthier, more resilient environment for all. We look forward to connecting with you and exploring new opportunities to join forces on future projects!

Rachel Drennan is a Professional Agrologist with expertise in ecological restoration and environmental stewardship. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of the

Fraser Valley and a professional certification in Ecological Restoration from the University of Victoria.

Dedicated to the restoration and long-term monitoring of riparian ecosystems, Rachel brings extensive experience in salmon habitat restoration and streamside bioengineering, ensuring the sustainability and resilience of local ecosystems.



Fundraiser



During this meeting we will be having a fund raiser for the Club. We have about 25 **gently used and new puzzles** for sale starting at \$5-\$20. You may donate your puzzles for this sale (no pieces missing). Bring them to the meeting or contact Alice Roos, 604-853-4283 or haroos12@gmail.com.



Also, for sale are about a dozen **swallow/chickadee bird boxes** for \$30 that were made by Club members.

Note - The funds raised will be used to update the camera in the owl box and also purchase a camera on an extension pole to look inside birdboxes without disturbing the birds.

Thursday, November 13, Tynehead Regional Park -- Serpentine River Salmon (Surrey)

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00-12:30 p.m.

Level: Easy to Moderate. Approx 4 km.



Fall is a beautiful season to visit Tynehead Regional Park and watch the return of the salmon. Coho are already coming through, and chum will be next. We should see some of these fish while walking the Hatchery and Serpentine Loop Trails. These sylvan trails feature large conifers, nurse logs and stumps, ferns and shrubs. The Serpentine River is always present. Mostly the trails are easy but there are some gentle slopes and uneven surfaces. Dress for the weather which could be wet and cool.



Meet at Tynehead Regional Park Hatchery Parking Lot, 16585 96th Ave, north side of 96th Avenue, 100 m west of 168 Street in Surrey. Please do not leave valuables in your vehicle.

Register with Wendy DaDalt at wendy@dadalt.net or call 604 856 2575.

Nature Club Christmas Social

Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 6:30 pm (note time)

Join members of the Nature Club for a festive evening of fellowship, light snacks, music, singing, year-in-review slideshow, bake sale.



Please bring to share a dessert or an appetizer in individual portion sizes (to be served with tongs or in paper muffin cups).



Hot apple cider will be provided. Please bring your own mug.

The bake sale is a fundraiser for Nature Club activities. Bring a wrapped treat e.g., loaf cake, cookies, cupcakes, brownies, etc. All items will be sold for \$15.00.



And don't forget to bring cash/cheque to buy some baking, too!

Saturday December 13 - 10-1 pm



iNaturalist and Merlin Participation Event

Join Abbotsford Mission Nature Club members at the Willband Creek Park Viewing Platform to observe, identify and record birds using the phone applications iNaturalist as well as Merlin. Please install and create accounts for these applications ahead of time to reduce data use in the park. Bring binoculars or a spotting scope if you have one.



This event is rain or shine so dress for the weather. We will provide hot chocolate!

We look forward to hosting you in the park.



December 29/30, 2025 - Christmas Bird Count



This year the Christmas Bird Count will take place on December 29th or 30th. No experience necessary as every area within the count circle has an expert birder. If you want to join the fun and haven't already received our email, contact ken.summers@telus.net There will be a post-count gathering afterwards at the Mandarin Gardens in Abbotsford for those interested, even if you don't take part in the count.

A snapshot of some club activities in October

Herman's plaque dedication, building bird box, Auguston fieldtrip.

