ABBOTSFORD MISSION NATURE CLUB ACTIVITIES

September - October 2026

"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*

Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, September 9, 2026 @ 7:30 pm

Investigating Winter Songbird Movement and Survival along an Urbanization Gradient

Speaker: Dilan Praat BSc.

Urbanization involves the modification of natural habitats but also creates novel urban habitats which are full of both opportunities and perils for birds. As global urban landcover is expected to double over the next 30 years, it is critical to learn how birds interact with and survive in these novel habitats. While past research projects have investigated how breeding songbirds navigate city life during the summer, there is very little research into how wintering songbirds are using cities.



His thesis investigates how the survival and movement of Golden-crowned sparrows (*Zonotrichia atricapilla*) vary across an urbanization gradient in the Vancouver area. He will discuss techniques used to study urban songbirds including radio-tagging and colour-banding, findings from his research so far, and share some steps both people and communities can take to make cities safer for our feathered friends.

Hogan Family Nature Park Guided Walk



Join Abbotsford Mission Nature Club members to observe, identify and record fungi, plants, and animals in Hogan Family Nature Park at 28631 Debruyne Road in Abbotsford, BC, Canada (west side of Bradner Road and a few blocks north of the Fraser Highway) from 1 pm until approximately 4 pm on September 26, 2026.

Register by emailing your first and last name to Quirien, iNaturalist Ambassador, at amuldert1966@gmail.com by September 24, 2026.

Install the free iNaturalist application on your mobile phone, create an account and join the project, called “Guided Walk in Hogan Family Nature Park Fall 2026, Abbotsford, B.C.”

Scan QR Project:





Project link: https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/guided-walk-in-hogan-family-nature-park-fall-2026-abbotsford-bc

Anyone under the age of sixteen needs to be accompanied by an adult or guardian with the app installed on their phone. Make sure your phone is fully charged on the day of the event. Explore and use the mobile app prior to the event. Check out iNaturalist.ca - Canada’s gateway to a global species data sharing community.

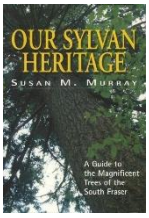
Bring any of the following items if you have them: binoculars and camera. The event is rain or shine. Dress for the weather. Bring a snack and water. We look forward to your participation. NOTE – there are NO washrooms in the park. Website: https://abbymissionnatureclub.ca/

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Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, October 14, 2026 @ 7:30 pm

Remarkable Trees Around the World".

Speaker: Susan M. Murray, Nature photographer and arborist



She will take us on a colourful journey around the world to view some of the most amazing trees on earth! Some of these wonderful trees are giants, a few are dwarves, but all are important to the world's biological diversity. Some are so old or growing in conditions so severe that their resilience is truly remarkable. Several outstanding local trees will be highlighted in this talk.

Monthly Meeting, Wednesday, November 11, 2026 @7:30 pm

FRASER VALLEY INVASIVE SPECIES SOCIETY

"Invasive species are considered to be one of the greatest threats to biodiversity world-wide, second only to habitat loss. Join us for an introduction to invasive species, what they are, how they came to be here and what impacts they have on our local ecology. Learn about some of the highest priority species for the Fraser Valley, including new and emerging species, as well as information on decision making and management practices.

Speaker: Erica Mulder is the Outreach Coordinator for the Fraser Valley Invasive Species Society (FVISS). She is currently working on a diploma in Restoration of Natural Systems out of the University of Victoria and is involved in a variety of community stewardship projects. "

SNAPSHOTS OF OUR SUMMER WALKS

June 23, 2026 – Roy Kittles Hike



Hogan F N Pk Work Bee, July 2



Birding-McKay Creek, July 29, 2026



Glen Valley Big Trees, July 22, 2026



Manning Park – July 7, 2026

