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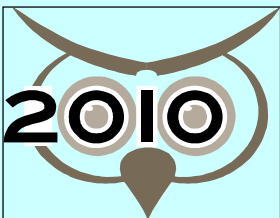


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**Purchase your  
Banquet tickets  
by Oct 12:  
See page three!**

Nature Calgary is run by  
volunteers!  
Contact Jamie 403-243-  
7232 to volunteer or for  
more details

Volunteers' opportunities  
<http://naturecalgary.com>



**Albertabird**

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Albertabird>

**Adopt-a-Plant Program  
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Winner!**

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# Nature News

**Newsletter of the Nature Calgary (Calgary Field Naturalists' Society) September 2010**  
President: (position vacant) [naturecalgary@cfns.fanweb.ca](mailto:naturecalgary@cfns.fanweb.ca)

## Nature Calgary General Meeting

**Wed Sep 15, 7:30 pm: Natural History travels in Bhutan**, with Jan Roseneder.

*All general meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month (except June, July & August) at 7:30pm, in **The Burnswest Theatre, Fort Calgary**, and are open to the public. To suggest a speaker or topic please call John McFaul 403-289-9517 or email [naturecalgary@cfns.fanweb.ca](mailto:naturecalgary@cfns.fanweb.ca)*

## Issues, Events and Updates

**Congratulations** to the many second-quarter winners in the 2010 Calgary Big Year Birding Competition. The top species counters include Colin Young in the Advanced category with 192 species (190 of them found by Non-Motorized Transport), and Matthew Sim in the Youth category with 124 species. Full results at <http://birdscalgary.wordpress.com/>.

**A special Thank You to Mary Lore and Shirley Hill** for their many volunteer hours working the phones for the Christmas Bird Count Feederwatch program. As they have decided to step back from this (after many years!), Coordinator Jean Moore (403-282-4162) needs two more helpers.

## Volunteers

**Non-board positions: Membership Promotion, Field Trip Leaders, Welcome Table.**

**Welcome table volunteers** are *urgently* needed for our general meetings. They store and bring the banners and other materials and assist new and old members with questions and membership matters.

**Board vacancies: Volunteer manager:** recruit, support and thank our volunteers.

**Publicity Director:** coordinate our booth at events and promote Nature Calgary.

## Nature Calgary Study Groups

### Bird Study Group:

**Wed., Sep 1: Birding in Ghana** with Brian Elder, Phil Cram, and John Bargman

**Wed., Oct 6: The Scientific Value of Bird Banding at Inglewood Bird Sanctuary – National and International Perspectives.** Presenter Doug Collister.

**Wed., Nov 4: Birding and Nature Conservancy Canada**, with Bob Demulder of NCC.

*Bird Study Group meets 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7:30 pm, Room 211, BioSciences Building, U of C, except June through August when field trips replace the meetings.*

Contact, Andrew Hart 403-279-5209 or [andrewhart\\*.\\*telus.net](mailto:andrewhart*.*telus.net) (remove \*s).

**2010 Calgary Big Year Birding Competition:**

See <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BirdsCalgary2010> for all the latest news!

### Botany Study Group:

**Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR) Program** – co-operative project between the City of Calgary and Nature Calgary to report and eradicate selected noxious plant species. Contact Suzanne ([svisser\\*.\\*ucalgary.ca](mailto:svisser*.*ucalgary.ca)) for plant surveillance list, procedures and form.

*Botany Study Group meets during the summer months. Contact Suzanne Visser 403-288-0658 or [svisser\\*.\\*ucalgary.ca](mailto:svisser*.*ucalgary.ca) (remove \*s) for further details.*



All Nature Calgary field trips are free and open to all.

#### Lead a field trip!

To share your knowledge of a favourite location call Gus at 403-243-2248

**CFNS & Inglewood  
24hr Rare Bird Alert  
403-221-4519**

Updated Mon & Thu

**Field trip leaders** please turn in signed **waiver forms** to Nature Calgary, Box 981 Stn. M, Calgary, AB, T2P 2K4, or hand in at the General and Bird Study Group meeting welcome tables. Latest version of the **waiver form** is available <http://tinyurl.com/NCform>.



Coral fungus at Brown-Lowery Prov Park  
© Stephen Spring

## Nature Calgary Field Trips

Many meeting places are mapped on <http://birdcomp.fanweb.ca/locations.html>

New trips, updates, guidelines - see [http://www.naturecalgary.com/field\\_trips.html](http://www.naturecalgary.com/field_trips.html)

**Note:** Trips that are highlighted require pre-registration.

### ...August

**Sun Aug 22, 8am: Birding Mallard Point.** Meet in parking lot, E end of Canyon Meadows Dr SE Leader, Tony Timmons, 403-256-0754.

**Tue Aug 24, 7.30am: Early morning birding for autumn migrants at Inglewood Bird Sanctuary,** E end of 9 Av SE. Leader, Peter Roxburgh, 403-271-7033.

**Tues 24 Aug. 6:30pm: Birding Carburn Park.** S from Glenmore Tr at 18 St SE to second stoplight, then right & follow signs. Meet parking lot. Leader, Andrew Hart, 403-279-5209.

**Thu Aug 26, 7.30am: Early morning birding for autumn migrants at Inglewood Bird Sanctuary,** E end of 9 Av SE. Leader, Peter Roxburgh, 403-271-7033.

**Sat Aug 28, 8am: Bird Bow Valley Prov. Park.** Bring lunch. Meet Assumption School, 34th Av NW (NW corner of Sarcee Tr, at Hwy 1). Leader, Andrew Hart, 279-5209.

**Sat Aug 28, 9am: Bird Inglewood Bird Sanctuary,** E end of 9 Av SE. Leader, Penny Smith, 403-283-9260.

**Sun Aug 29, 8am: Bird Hull's Woods.** Meet at FCPP HQ parking lot off Bow Bottom Tr SE. Leader, Tony Timmons, 403-256-0754.

**Tue Aug 31, 6:30pm: Final Tues. Evening Bird Walk at Inglewood Bird Sanctuary,** E end of 9 Av SE. Leader, Al. Borgardt, 403-281-4306.

### ...September

**Wed Sep 1, 7:30am: Monthly Elbow River Birding Survey.** Meet Stanley Park, 42 Av SW, just W of Macleod Tr. Walk to Glenmore Reservoir, ride back (3.5 hours). Call leaders, Aileen Pelzer/Gus Yaki, 403-243-2248, to ensure vehicle space for return.

**Sun Sep 5, 9am: A nature walk on Nose Hill: flora and fauna.** Meet 14 St and 64 Av NW entrance. Leader, Gus Yaki, 403-243-2248.

**Sat Sep 11, 8:30am: Bird Bebo Grove, FCPP,** S end of 24 St SW. Leader, Al. Borgardt, 403-281-4306.

**Sat Sep 11, 9am: Bird Bowmont Park.** Meet Maranatha Church, 2111 52 St NW (N end of Home Rd). Leader, Horst Grothman, 403-286-3048.

**Sun Sep 12, 8am: Bird Lafarge Meadows.** Meet at FCPP boat launch at S end of Bow Bottom Tr SE. Leader, Tony Timmons, 403-256-0754.

**Sun Sep 12, 8am: Bird Griffith Woods Park,** 2.5 km W from Sarcee Tr on Hwy 8, then left on 69 St SW into Discovery Ridge, past the traffic circle. At the bottom of hill, turn left on Discovery Ridge Link, into parking lot. Leader, Grant Brydle, 403-720-4957.

**Sun Sep 19, 9am: See the largest specimens of 30 species of trees,** many unusual, in SW Calgary. Meet at Stanley Park, on 42 Av SW, 2 blocks W of Macleod Trail. Leader, Gus Yaki, 403-243-2248.

**Sat Sep 25, 9am: Bird Inglewood Bird Sanctuary,** E end of 9 Av SE. Leader, Penny Smith, 403-283-9260.

**Sat Sep 25, 1:30pm: See captive Whooping Cranes at the Zoo Ranch.** Limit 25 participants. Call 403-243-2248 to register. Meet Anderson LRT Station (Macleod Tr), S of pedestrian bridge to carpool. Guide, Crane Keeper Dwight Knapik. Rain date, Sun Sep 26.

**Sun Sep 26, 8:30am. Birding Carburn Park.** S from Glenmore Tr at 18 St SE to 2nd stoplight, then right & follow signs. Meet parking lot. Leader, Andrew Hart, 403-279-5209.

### ...October

**Fri Oct 01, 8am: Monthly Elbow River Birding Survey.** Meet Stanley Park, 42 Av SW, just W of Macleod Tr. Walk to Glenmore Reservoir, ride back (3.5 hours). Call leaders, Aileen Pelzer/Gus Yaki, 403-243-2248, to ensure vehicle space for return.



# Nature Calgary Luncheon Banquet 2010

Presentation:

**Calgary Parks – Past, Present & Future:  
Celebrating 100 Years!**

**Saturday November 6, 2010**

Fort Calgary

Officers' Mess - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Barracks Building  
750 – 9 Avenue SE, Calgary

**Time:** 11:30 am: Meet, greet and explore\*\*  
12:30 pm: Three course Roast Beef Luncheon  
(vegetarian option is available on request)  
1:30 pm: Feature Presentation  
**"Calgary Parks – Past, Present and Future:  
Celebrating 100 years!"** with Anne Charlton

**Guest Speaker:** Anne Charlton is a professional landscape architect and Director of The City of Calgary Parks. Please come and learn more about the urban parks and natural areas in our own backyard and hear about exciting plans for the future.

**Limited Seats Available:** \$35 Nature Calgary members, \$40 non-members. Reserve now by calling Linda or John Stewart (403) 244-0505 or email [stewart3@telusplanet.net](mailto:stewart3@telusplanet.net). Send cheques (payable to Nature Calgary) to: Nature Calgary, 830 – 18 Av SW, Calgary T2T 0G7 and please include your meal choice (beef/vegetarian) and contact information.

**Deadline for reservations is October 12.**

**Additional Features:**

- Free parking
- Book Exchange – please bring no-longer-needed nature books to share with others, for free. A nice way to share our knowledge and appreciation of nature.
- \*\*Explore the Fort – your banquet ticket includes free admission to Fort Calgary exhibits and the surrounding park. Explore before or after the luncheon.

**Nature Calgary**  
Calgary Field Naturalists' Society  
[www.naturecalgary.com](http://www.naturecalgary.com)

**For more nature activities in the Calgary area visit:**

**Canadian Parks & Wilderness Society (CPAWS)**  
<http://cpawscalgary.org>

**Weaselhead Society**  
<http://talkaboutwildlife.ca>

**Alberta Wilderness Association**  
<http://albertawilderness.ca>

**Calgary Area Outdoor Council (CAOC)**  
<http://www.caoc.ab.ca>

**Friends of Fish Creek**  
<http://friendsoffishcreek.org>

**Cross Conservation Area**  
<http://crossconservation.org>

**Calgary Zoo**  
<http://www.calgaryzoo.org>

**Nature Conservancy of Canada Alberta Region**  
Toll Free: 1.877.262.1253  
[www.natureconservancy.ca/alberta@conservationvolunteers.ca](http://www.natureconservancy.ca/alberta@conservationvolunteers.ca)

[naturecalgary@cfns.fanweb.ca](mailto:naturecalgary@cfns.fanweb.ca)

Nature Calgary, PO Box 981, Station M, Calgary, AB T2P 2K4

**Memberships**  
Individual \$20.00/yr  
Family \$25.00/yr  
Ph: John  
403-284-4245

## Of General Interest

**Celebrating 100 years of Calgary Parks.** Various events from geo-caching, to musical performances and temporary gardens are planned. Go to [calgary.ca](http://calgary.ca) and search on parks.

**Glenbow Ranch Prov. Park Foundation** has some scheduled hikes, incl Aug 27. Register at <http://www.grpf.ca> or call 1-800-447-1833.

**Biogeoscience Institute, University of Calgary, Fall Naturalist Weekend Sept 17-19**, 2010 at the Barrier Lake Field Station in Kananaskis Country. Cost: \$125 + GST, includes 5 meals and accommodation for 2 nights. Hosted by Dr. Ed Johnson, featuring Dr. Sean Rogers – "DNA forensics in ecology, evolution and conservation biology", Dr. Darren Sjogren – "The legacy of glaciers?" and Dr. Douglas Hallett – "The Dark Arts of Charcoal Analysis in Soils: What can we learn about long-term fire history, forest dynamics and climate change?" More info: Judy Buchanan-Mappin, ph. (403) 220-5355; email: [jmbuchan\\*@ucalgary.ca](mailto:jmbuchan*@ucalgary.ca) (remove \*'s).

**St. Patrick's Island redevelopment survey deadline Sep 6**, information on this area west of Calgary Zoo, home of Balsam Poplar forest, see [http://calgarymlc.ca/rivers\\_projects/st.\\_patrick%27s\\_island/st.\\_patrick%27s\\_island/](http://calgarymlc.ca/rivers_projects/st._patrick%27s_island/st._patrick%27s_island/)

Win an iPod Touch at **free contest on [www.eBird.org](http://www.eBird.org)** - register and submit a checklist by Sep 6. Sponsored by new app BirdsEye Lite. See <http://www.allaboutbirds.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=1883&srctid=1&erid=3855547>

**Adopt-A-Plant Alberta** invites anyone interested in botany and rare plants to join Southern Alberta Rare Plant Study Group, which is based in Calgary. Topics/agenda will be announced at [www.ab.adoptaplant.ca](http://www.ab.adoptaplant.ca).

**Natural Areas Photo Contests:** Take some photos on your trips to these Calgary Natural Environment Parks and enter them in the contests: **Bowmont** (deadline Oct 8, 2010), **Twelve Mile Coulee** (Feb 11, 2011), and **Weaselhead** (Jan 2011). Go to [www.calgary.ca](http://www.calgary.ca) and search on "photo contest".

### New Books:

- ***Cultivating our Roots: Growing Authentic Prairie Wildflowers and Grasses***, by Nora Stewart. An illustrated guide to identifying and growing 60 wildflower and 20 grass species. See <http://cultivatingourroots.com> to purchase.
- ***Birds of Canada*** by Tyler Hoar, Ken De Smet, and Wayne Campbell. A very comprehensive and well-illustrated guide – one page per species including detailed field guide and conservation notes. At many bookstores.

Distinguished former Nature Calgary member **Peter Karsten** was profiled in the July-Aug 2010 issue of **Alberta Views**, with a discussion about zoos and conservation.

**Entomology database:** <http://www.entomology.ualberta.ca> is a searchable database of the University of Alberta's E.H. Strickland Entomological Museum, one of the most significant insect collections in Canada. Thousands of photographs may be searched or browsed – very useful.

**Nature Calgary members receive discounts at businesses shown below** (with membership card)

<b>Campers Village (10% discount)</b>	<b>The Wild Bird Store (10% discount)</b>
7208 Macleod Tr SE 403-252-3338	D3-8330 Macleod Tr S 403-640-2632

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**Deadline for the October/November issue is Friday Sep 10, 2010.**