

# 2010 Wings Week Events

## Presentations

The Big Little Wildlife Show: Big Stories about Small Animals in the Canadian Rockies

This show aims to prove that anything a big wildlife star can do, one of the smaller supporting cast animals can do even better! Celebrate biodiversity! Because when it comes to memory, anything a grizzly bear can do, a hummingbird can do better. When it comes to hunting, anything a wolf can do, a spider can do better. And when it comes to winter survival, anything a moose can do, a shrew can do much, much better! Joel Hagen & Nadine Fletcher of Great Divide Nature Interpretation.

Mon May 3 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

MAX # 90

COST: \$10.00

MEET: Pynelogs Cultural Centre

Invasive Plants in the EK - Become a Weed Warrior with Ali Burton

Come and learn how to become a Weed Warrior! We will discuss Invasive Plants: how they Bully our native plants, how they spread, the many impacts, prevention techniques, and how to identify our Top Invaders in the region.

Tue May 4 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

MAX # 90

COST: \$10.00 for entire evening

MEET: Pynelogs Cultural Centre

Critters in your Coffee? Biodiversity and Coffee Production in Northern Nicaragua with Carmen Lishman

Small-scale coffee production is an important economy for rural communities in many tropical nations. Here you will meet the residents of one community in northern Nicaragua who have taken biodiversity conservation to heart. From the tiny arthropods in the soil to the toucans in the trees, everyone can agree that coffee tastes better when produced this way.

Tue May 4th from 8:45 pm to 10 pm

MAX # 90

COST: \$10 for entire evening

MEET: Pynelogs Cultural Centre

Small Wings over the Rockies: Meet Your Native Bees – Lynn Westcott

Did you know honey bees were introduced to North America? Come out and learn about the native bees of the East Kootenay. Spend an evening immersed in the world of these small but remarkable animals and learn how easy it is to create habitat in your yard for these pollinating powerhouses.

Wed May 5 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

MAX # 90

COST: \$10.00 for entire evening

MEET: Pynelogs Cultural Centre

Kowa's Scoop on Scopes: Test-drive

Join Robin Tapley and the Kowa Reps for the scoop on Kowa scopes. Product will be available to test-drive on the deck of Pynelogs, overlooking Lake Windermere. KOWA Sporting Optics are highly appreciated by birders and sportsmen for their quality and reliability in the field; a result of more than a half century of experience and development.

Door prize: Kowa Genesis 8x33 Binoculars, retail value \$1250

Wed May 5 from 8:45 pm to 10:00 pm

MAX # 90

MEET: Pynelogs Cultural Centre

### The Birdsong Singalong Dinner

This 'favorite' Festival Event, put on by the Windermere Community Association has been a much-anticipated feature of Wings Week since 2001. There will be a 3-course "fowl" meal followed by the Valley Voices choir conducted by Paul Carriere leading a Singalong of 'bird songs'. Participants are encouraged to dress as a bird (or at least wear feathers). Prize for the best bird costume and other door prizes to be won. Bring your appetite, your sense of fun, and your voice - whatever it's like.

Thu May 6 at 6:30 pm

MAX # 100

What to bring: Dress up like a bird, wear a bird / feathered mask

COST: \$60 per couple, \$35 individual

MEET: Windermere Community Hall, North Street, Windermere

### Reinventure Travel Can Change Your Life – Carol Patterson

Travel allows us to reinvent ourselves over and over. Carol Patterson, former Calgary Zoo board Chairman, president of Kalahari Management, and author of *Reinventure: How Travel Adventure Can Change Your Life* believes no one comes home unchanged. Carol has been lost in Oyen, dumped from a dogsled, and pursued by elephants, but she has never looked back. She will share stories from Africa, Iceland, and Borneo, and show how your life can be reinvigorated through travel.

Fri May 7 at 7:00 pm

MAX # 90

COST: \$10.00

MEET: Pynelogs Cultural Centre

### 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala Banquet & Keynote - Biodiversity: the Web of Life

A Gala at Eagle Ranch Golf Resort complete with fabulous food, Live and Silent Auction, Keynote Presentation and a Web of fun!!

Keynote Message – Dr. Faisal Moola PhD

The United Nations has declared 2010 the International Year of Biodiversity. This global celebration of this earth's biological richness is occurring at a time when non-human life on our planet is in a more perilous state than ever before. Experts believe that some 17,000 species are currently threatened with extinction, including 12% of all known birds, 21 % of all known mammals and 30 % of all known amphibians. The effects of climate change are predicted to sharply increase the risk of species extinction within our children's lifetime. The dire state of our planet's biological richness threatens not only the ecological health of ecosystems like old-growth forests and rare grasslands but also the wellbeing of our own communities that depend on the ecological goods and services that nature provides.

Sat May 8<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm – Refreshments

6:45 pm – Dinner

7:45 pm – Parks Can-Can-Canada Theatre by Parks Canada's Mountain W.I.T.

8:00 pm – Live Auction

8:30 pm – Keynote by Dr. Faisal Moola

MAX # 100

COST: \$70 (tax receipt will be issued for a portion of the ticket)

## Hikes & Field Trips

Dawn Chorus – Randy Hopkins (U)

Start your day at the Pynelogs Cultural Centre and listen to the songbirds as they start their day. Come and enjoy the peace and tranquility of an early spring morning beside Dorothy Lake. Dress for the weather.

Mon May 3 & Fri May 7 from 6:30 to 7:30 am MAX # 16 COST: \$5.00

MEET: Pynelogs Cultural Centre

#### Wetlands Discovery (U)

Join local enthusiasts and birders for a morning exploring the Columbia Wetlands, the internationally-recognized wetland with Ramsar designation. The event includes a short nature walk to the Columbia River, bird-viewing stations, and a scenic Columbia Valley overlook.

Mon, Wed & Fri from 7:30 am to 10:30 am

MAX # 16

COST: \$10.00

MEET: Radium Esso (to carpool)

#### Roam Radium – Randy Hopkins (I)

Spend the morning on this easy-going trip to interesting places around the Village of Radium. From the water's edge by the mill pond, to the high banks overlooking the Columbia River, you never know what might show up.

Mon May 3 from 7:30 – 11:30 am MAX # 16 COST: \$10.00

MEET: Pynelogs Cultural Centre (to carpool)

#### Kowa's Scoop on Scopes at Eagle Ranch: Wetlands, Mountains & Range Land

Join Robin Tapley and the Kowa Reps for a morning of spectacular viewing from the Eagle Ranch Gazebo, overlooking the expansive Columbia River Wetlands. Kowa products will be available to test their viewing capabilities. A stand-up breakfast is included by Eagle Ranch Food & Beverage.

Mon May 3 from 7:30 am to 11:00 am

MAX # 15

COST: \$

MEET: Eagle Ranch Golf Resort Clubhouse

#### Ecosystem Restoration IS for the birds

Visit an Ecosystem Restoration site, the location of up to 16 active nests of the rare Lewis Woodpecker. The project includes tree thinning, controlled burns and snag and wildlife tree protection to ensure habitat maintenance for this Red-listed species. Ecosystem restoration undertaken by the four partners on this site (The Rocky Mountain Trench Ecosystem Restoration Program, the Nature Trust of BC, the Nature Conservancy and the Thunderhill Ranch) will ensure that this rare species can be maintained.

Mon May 3 from 9:00 am to 1 pm

MAX # 20

COST: \$10.00

MEET: Location is on secondary roads 6 kilometres west of Canal Flats. Meet/Car Pool from the Highway Rest Area along Columbia Lake between Canal Flats and Dutch Creek. High Clearance two wheel drive vehicles are needed to access the site

#### Ktunaxa Trails: Secret Garden Tour- Hosted by Lillian Rose and Ian Tamasi (I)

Lillian presents an addition to the Ktunaxa Trails Series. Join Ian Tamasi and Lillian Rose as they take you on a tour through Interior Douglas Fir and marshland ecosystems, all within a 6 km hike. Ian Tamasi will discuss archaeology and share plans for a public archaeological field school in the Upper Columbia Valley in 2011. Come and see the biodiversity of grasslands and wetland ecosystems.

Mon, Wed & Fri May 3, 5 & 7 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

MAX # 14

What to Bring: binoculars, a lunch, water, camera, and your bird and plant books

COST: \$10.00

MEET: Depart from Lillian Rose Residence at 211 Highway 93/95, Windermere, B.C

#### Palaeoecology and Archaeology of the Rocky Mountain Trench (I)

Join Wayne Choquette and Rob Neil as they focus on the evolution of the landscape and ecology of this area. Past human adaptation to this dynamic environment will be discussed.

Mon May 3 from 11:30 to 3:00 pm

MAX # 20

COST: \$10.00

MEET: Pynelogs Cultural Centre (and carpool) at 11:00 am OR meet at The Hawke Road intersection with the Westside Road at 11:30 am

#### Birding by Horseback - Deuce o'Diamond Stables at Fairmont Hot Springs

Experience the bird-world from the back of a horse...way up there!! The trail system around Fairmont leads through many eco-systems, over hill and dale. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

Mon, Thu, Fri & Sat, May 3, 6, 7 & 8 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

MAX # 12

COST: \$50.00

MEET: Deuce O'Diamond Stables at Fairmont Hot Springs

#### Birding From Bed

From the comfort of your own warm bed...take a moment to listen to the sounds of the morning. Open your window, draw the blinds and listen to the birds. Can you recognize the chirps, squawks, screeches and twitters...what song are they singing, what message are they sending? Can you recognize which sound comes from which bird? Make a note...come into Pynelogs and post your findings, and compare what other birders are hearing.

Tue, Wed & Thu, May 4, 5, & 6 from 6:30 am and on...

MAX # Everyone

COST: Valuable

MEET: Pynelogs Cultural Centre

#### Wetlands Paddle with Joel Hagen

Experience the wetlands by canoe/kayak during a peaceful morning paddle. Joel Hagen, an accredited "master interpreter" from the Canadian Rockies, will guide you on a quest to find local birds by sight and sound. Basic paddling experience necessary.

Tue May 4 from 7:30 am to 10:30 am

MAX: 20

COST: \$25.00 (includes canoe/kayak & PFD)

MEET: Columbia River Outfitters (south side of Athalmer Bridge)

#### "All day" Blitz – Randy Hopkins (C)

Well, most of the day at least. Join Randy on a fast-paced trip from Invermere north to the Brisco wetlands following the Columbia River valley. We'll be covering as much habitat as time permits, from wetlands to forests, from fields to mountain lakes. Bring your lunch and lots of enthusiasm!

Tue May 4 from 7:30 to 5:00 pm MAX # 16 COST: \$12.00

MEET: Pynelogs Cultural Centre (to carpool)

#### Wild Wonders of Windermere – Lake Windermere Project (I)

Tour some of the most special areas on the lake by pontoon boat, with the Lake Windermere Project. Gain a new perspective of the lake while viewing various waterfowl, wildlife and other species that rely on Lake Windermere. Participants will learn how water quality is monitored on the lake and the results of five years of study. View examples of healthy shorelines that support fish populations, and portions requiring conservation measures. PFD provided. Bring water, a snack and dress for the weather.

Tue May 4 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm **OR** Tue May 4 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

MAX # 10

COST: \$35.00

MEET: Boat launch at south side of the bridge at Athalmer

#### Searching for the Edge...of Edgewater – Gerry Wilkie (U)

Join Gerry for a stroll through Edgewater to search for the water's Edge of the Columbia Wetlands where you'll find plenty of birds, flora and fauna and amazing views. Enjoy this leisurely walk with a knowledgeable birder and long time local.

Tue May 4 from 10:00 am to noon

MAX # 16

COST: \$10.00

MEET: Edgewater Community Hall

Kowa's Scoop on Scopes at Dorothy Lake: Spot a Painted Turtle

Capture the details of a Painted Turtle...close up! Hook up your digital camera to a Kowa spotting scope to discover how easy it is to take beautiful super-telephoto images with amazing detail.

Tue May 4 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

MAX # 15

COST: \$5.00

MEET: Dorothy Lake, located right behind Pynelogs Cultural Centre

Our Community Greenhouse: Example in Biodiversity

Join the Community Greenhouse Educator & Coordinator for an interactive tour of our new low energy use, solar heated, water conserving, 30,000 square foot educational building. The Community Greenhouse is operated by the Columbia Valley Botanical Gardens and Centre for Sustainable Living to address climate change and to promote energy, water and resource conservation, biodiversity and food security. This is where young people and the whole community can gain knowledge and make informed choices about growing and consuming food.

Tue May 4 from noon to 2 pm

MAX # 20

COST: \$10

MEET: Community Greenhouse. We are located on the southwest corner of DTSS, at the service entrance below the running track.

Wetlands to Wildfires (U)

Walk around Lake Enid to observe and discuss forest, wetland and grassland ecology. The walk will focus on forest stand structure components, wetland complexes and a detour into the Lake Enid wildfire where we will discuss the importance of wildfires in preserving ecosystem biodiversity.

Background Facts: Lake Enid Wildfire 1994. Approx. 950 ha burned. Over 850, 000 trees were planted to reforest the burn area.

Tue May 4 from noon to 3:00 pm

MAX # 25

COST: \$10.00

What to bring: Binoculars, food, water, hat, sunscreen, good walking/hiking footwear

MEET: Pynelogs Cultural Centre (to carpool)

Disturbance, Biodiversity and Bighorn Sheep....what are the links? (U)

Come join Parks Canada Agency staff Alan Dibb, Rick Kubian and Michael Den Otter for a walk through the Redstreak Restoration area. Along the way you will have an opportunity to learn about fire as a disturbance process that shapes biodiversity and how Parks Canada is attempting to restore habitat for Bighorn Sheep. As you walk through this open forest/grassland you may have an opportunity to view some of the species that make open forest/grassland their home.

Tue May 4 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

MAX # 30

COST: \$10.00

What to bring: binoculars, water, camera, light hiking boots

MEET: Redstreak Campground. Follow signs to Redstreak Campground above the Village of Radium Hot Springs.

Old Coach Trail Interpretive Walk – Ross MacDonald (U)

The 9 kilometer Old Coach Greenway trail is located within the provincial Wildlife Management Area, a component of one of the longest contiguous wetland systems in North America. It offers outstanding views of hoodoos and passes through Christmas tree farms and the grasslands that are habitat to Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep, numerous birds and rare plants. Learn more about CRGA projects at [www.greenways.ca](http://www.greenways.ca)

Tue May 4 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

MAX # 20

COST: \$10.00

MEET: Pynelogs Cultural Centre (to carpool)

#### Weeds Take Flight - Become a Weed Warrior with Ali Burton (I)

Come out and learn to identify some of our most prevalent Invasive Plant species in this region. We'll discuss impacts on wildlife (birds!) and biodiversity, and also cover what you can do to help. You will become a Weed Warrior!

Tue May 4 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

MAX # 15

What to bring: light garden gloves (optional), bottle of water, plant ID book (optional) & hat

COST: \$10.00

MEET: Pynelogs (to carpool)

#### Life in Hot Springs

Discover the unique biodiversity of the Natural Hot Pools at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort. You will be amazed at what we will find! Unique species, micro and macro organisms, aquatic and land species, and a fascinating human history! Join Fairmont Hot Springs Resort's BC Rockies Adventures Team as we explore the unique ecology and geology of Fairmont Hot Springs Natural Hot Pools. Don't forget your bathing suit!

Tues May 4 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

MAX # 20

COST: \$20.00 (includes entry to the Natural Mineral Hot Pools)

MEET: Fairmont Hot Springs Resort Lodge (front lobby)

#### The Web of Darkness

Not all creatures go to bed when the sun goes down – including birders! Enjoy time away from city lights to discover the world of the dark sky with Fairmont Hot Springs Resort's BC Rockies Adventures Team. Owl calls, migrating birds, astronomy, wolf howls, bats, the odd mosquito and much more! We are offering a prize for the best owl call imitation! Sponsored by KOWA Optics.

Tues May 4 from 10:00 pm to 11:30 pm

MAX # 25

COST: \$10.00

MEET: Fairmont Hot Springs Resort Lodge (front lobby)

#### Dippers and Ducks – Randy Hopkins (I)

Take a drive up the road to Panorama and help search for the fascinating and elusive diving birds that inhabit this rollicking mountain creek. Bring lots of patience and your best eyesight to spot the Harlequin Ducks and American Dippers who make their home in this amazing watery environment.

Wed May 5 from 7:30 to 11:00 am MAX # 16 COST: \$10.00

MEET: Pynelogs Cultural Centre (to carpool)

#### Kowa's Scoop on Scopes at Fairmont Hot Springs

Join Robin Tapley and the Fairmont Eco Adventure Team for a morning of spectacular viewing at three different locations throughout the Fairmont area. Kowa Optics products will be available to test for their viewing capabilities. A stand-up breakfast is included by Fairmont Food & Beverage.

Wed May 5 from 7:30 am to 11:00 am

MAX # 15

COST: \$

MEET: Fairmont Hot Springs Resort Lodge (Lobby)

#### Kimberley Ramble in the Park (C)

This 7 km hike, in the southern part of the Kimberley Nature Park, has an elevation gain of 290m, and passes along a riparian area where we'll hope to hear Winter Wrens, Ruby-crowned Kinglets and Townsend Warblers. After a stop at Southwest Passage Lookout to enjoy the panoramic views of the St Mary's Valley and have a snack, we'll continue along on the wooded trails of Myrtle Mountain through the Williamson Sapsucker preserve before heading out onto the grasslands of Sunflower Hill for the Blue Grouse.

Wed May 5 from 8:30 am to noon

MAX # 12

COST: \$10.00

What to bring: Drink, snacks, binoculars, camera

MEET: 8:30am, Kimberley Riverside Campground (go 3km on the St Mary's River Road which is accessed between Kimberley and Marysville, 90 minutes from Invermere)

Species at Risk : Learning to Sustain Biodiversity (U)

Canadian Forest Products uses a Sustainable Forest Management Plan to monitor species habitat within Valley forests. This field tour will introduce participants to forest stand structure and various species requirements. It will demonstrate how Canfor utilizes bird species and species guilds to monitor changes to habitat and measure the success in sustaining biodiversity and species at risk by following the Sustainable Forest Management Plan of Canadian Forest Products.

Wed May 5 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

MAX # 25 (kids and families are welcome)

COST: \$10.00

What to bring: binoculars, lunch, water, etc - Bring your own transportation (car pool as necessary), lunch, water, and outdoor clothing

MEET: Junction of Forester Landing Road in Radium and Horsethief Forest Service Road near the Radium Sawmill . We will travel 1 hour on forestry roads to tour site(s).

The Sutured Summit – Bob Walker (I)

This relatively easy 3 km walk through the natural setting of grassland and forest in Bella Vista Estates, offers spectacular views of Columbia Lake and opportunities to view an archaeological site, consider past events of human and natural history and enjoy three diverse habitats. Woodpeckers, turkey vultures and osprey may be seen. A brief examination is made on the integration of sustainable development and the environment.

Wed May 5 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

MAX # 25

COST: \$10.00

What to bring: lunch, water, good footwear

MEET: At end of Dawn Vista Rise in Bella Vista Estates, 5 minutes south of Fairmont on Hwy 93/95. Park along cul-de-sac. Refer to [www.bellavistaltld.com](http://www.bellavistaltld.com) on "Location" page for maps.

Fairmont's Bio Bike

Experience biodiversity at a faster pace! Bring your bike and join the BC Rockies Adventures Team as we peddle through different habitat types representative of the Columbia Valley. We will be taking the east Columbia Lake cross country trails through dry forest, lush vegetation, grassland, and lake-edge habitat. Binoculars will be provided as we will be making stops to compare the landscape by identifying wildlife, birds, plants, and trees.

Wed May 5 from 1:00 pm to 4:30pm

MAX # 25

COST: \$15.00 (bring your own bike or rent in Invermere)

MEET: Fairmont Hot Springs Resort Lodge (front lobby)

Fire and Water: The Birds of Wasa Lake and Bummers Flats – Dean Nicholson (U)

The Wasa Lake and Bummers Flats area is one of the best birding sites near Cranbrook. We will look for a variety of waterfowl, shorebirds and gulls and then explore a recent forest fire for up to 5 species of woodpeckers. On past walks we have seen Sandhill Cranes, Black-necked Stilts, Semipalmated Plovers and Black-backed Woodpeckers.

Wed May 5 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

MAX # 12

COST: \$10.00

What to bring: Bring binoculars, spotting scopes, water and a snack

MEET: North Beach Parking Lot at Wasa Lake Park. Coming from Invermere, take the first turn to the left at Wasa. The parking lot is 300m on the right hand side. 1.5 hours drive south of Invermere

### A Stream Through Time: Sinclair Creek Greenway – Ken Innis (I)

Travel through time on this 1.5 km walk along the banks of Sinclair Creek. The journey begins where the Ktunaxa and Shuswap people harvested spawning salmon from the creek and continues past dikes, flumes and sluice boxes settlers used to work the creek and brings you to the present, where the Columbia River Greenways Alliance and the Village of Radium Hot Springs have partnered to restore the stream channel to benefit Kokanee Salmon. Additional details are available on this greenway: [www.greenways.ca](http://www.greenways.ca)

Wed May 5 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

MAX # 20

COST: \$10.00

MEET: Trailhead located east of the Canfor Mill log yard. Follow Forsters Landing Road west from the Radium Village Centre and follow the green Sinclair Creek signs.

### Local Birding Hotspots - Cam Gillies & Michael den Otter (I)

Join Cam and Mike on a visit to some of the local hotspots. Along the way, we'll visit a variety of habitats and work on learning some of the songs. We'll also keep our eyes open for any rarities.

Thu May 6 from 7:00 am to noon

MAX # 20

COST: \$10.00

What to bring: binoculars and a snack

MEET: Pynelogs Cultural Centre (to carpool)

### Wetlands Paddle - Randy Hopkins (I)

Experience the wetlands by canoe/kayak, guided by Randy Hopkins, local birder and man of many talents. Join in on a quiet paddle down the Columbia River. From little birds to big birds, there is always something entertaining to see and hear. Basic paddling experience necessary.

Thu May 6 from 7:30 am to 10:30 am MAX # 20 COST: \$25.00 (includes canoe/kayak & PFD)

MEET: Columbia River Outfitters (south side of Athalmer Bridge)

### Golfing for Birdies!

Albatross, eagles, birdies, bogey and double bogey – sounds like an interesting species list but you'll need your irons to find them! Bring your binoculars too because this golf game takes more than just swinging skills on the green. Points will be given to the number of bird and wild animal species identified and to the number of (golf) "birdies", "eagles", and the rarest of them all "albatross" accumulated during your round of 18 holes. Species lists will be provided; don't forget your I.D. books.

Thu May 6 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

MAX # No limit

COST: \$75.00 (includes 18-holes and golf cart) OR \$25.00 sightseer

MEET: Riverside Golf Course at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort

### Hiking the Purcells – Bob Piche (C)

A moderately strenuous hike in the Purcell mountains. After meeting at Pynelogs the group will carpool in high clearance vehicles. The route and elevation gain will depend on snowline conditions. The hike will be led by an experienced local hiker, Bob Piche accompanied by a naturalist. En route you will learn about the flora, fauna and geology of the Purcells.

Thu May 6 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

MAX # 12

COST: \$10.00

What to bring: 1 litre of water, lunch, hiking boots, rain gear, hiking poles (optional), binoculars (optional)

MEET: Pynelogs Cultural Centre (to carpool)

### Wilmer Wildlife Area Walk – John Pitcher (I)

This scenic nature walk explores the biodiversity of the Columbia Wetlands and adjacent benchlands. (See article on p.?). Wetland overlooks provide views of waterfowl and a distant heronry. Ramble around the shoreline to Ritchie's point, and loop back through Douglas Fir forest. Some elevation loss and gain. Wear sturdy shoes.



Thu May 6 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm  
MAX # 16  
COST: \$10.00  
MEET: Pynelogs Cultural Centre (to carpool)

Bee Blitz: Up-close and Personal with Local Bees and Other Pollinators (I)  
Ever wondered if those yellow and black striped insects on your flowers are bees, wasps, or something else? Are you curious to know what those insects are doing when they visit flowers? Delve into the secret life of insects during this relaxed outing with entomologist Lynn Westcott.

Thu May 6 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

MAX # 20

What to bring: hand lens, binoculars, camera, lunch, water, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, insect ID

COST: \$10.00

MEET: Pynelogs (to carpool)

Carousing by the Canal – Paula Cravens & Bruce Woodbury (U)

Why the heck is it called Canal Flats? Hike along the old canal remains at the edge of town. See where the riverboats passed through and learn why Bailie Grohman's grand scheme to connect the Kootenay River and Columbia Lake failed.

Thu May 6 from noon to 2:00 pm

MAX # 20

COST: \$10.00

What to bring: water, binoculars, camera

MEET: Canal Flats Municipal Office, 8853 Grainger Rd., Canal Flats. Turn at the Canal Flats exit onto Burns Ave. Turn left on Grainger Ave. and look for the Municipal office/ Fire hall.

Afternoon Float with Carmen Lishman

Take this opportunity to meander through some of the Columbia Valley's complex and intricate Wetlands in a canoe. Float with Carmen for an afternoon of interesting facts, stories and specifics from a biology specialist and lifelong student of biodiversity. Basic paddling experience necessary.

Thu May 6 from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm

MAX: 20

What to bring: binoculars, lunch, water, etc

COST: \$25.00 (includes canoe/kayak & PFD)

MEET: Columbia River Outfitters (south side of Athalmer Bridge)

Forensic Investigation: Retired Conservation Officer – Stan Markham (U)

Join retired Conservation Officer for a walk along the banks of the mighty Columbia River as it weaves through the phenomenal Columbia Wetlands. Rich in wildlife, this area offers a unique opportunity to observe copious animal signs and learn how to interpret nature's information. In addition to showing you how to identify animal tracks and signs of all sorts, Stan will also point out and talk about evidence used in forensic wildlife.

Thu May 6 from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

MAX # 20

What to bring: Binoculars, camera, water, and appropriate clothing for the weather and walking through some bush.

COST: \$10.00

MEET: Pynelogs Cultural Centre (to carpool)

Pat & Bill's Excellent Adventure: Wilmer Wetlands Nature and Photography Walk (I)

Join Pat Morrow and Bill Swan as they explore the rich biodiversity of the Upper Columbia through many lenses from our eyes to cameras. In this workshop and field event participants will discover new species of bugs, plants, birds, maybe even fish, and build their skills and knowledge of recording and understanding them using cameras, sound recordings, the internet and good old pencils and field guides.

Thu May 6 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm & Fri May 7 from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm

MAX # 20

COST: \$10.00

What to bring: Evening segment: camera and manual

Duration: 2-hours evening. 7-hours field trip outing: shuttle, walking, biodiversity inventory, eating, shooting, viewing and critique session

Field Trip: all weather clothing and sturdy footwear binoculars, notebook, field guides, lunch, water. Laptop Computer - Participants who have a laptop to download their photos onto when we get back to Pynelogs should bring one.

MEET: Pynelogs Cultural Centre

Windermere from A to Z – Randy Hopkins (I)

Scour with a fine tooth comb the many habitats that Windermere area has to offer the birder. "Songbirds in the morning, waterfowl in the afternoon" goes the saying...so that will be the plan for this two-part search for the birds of Windermere.

Fri May 7 from 7:30 to 11:30 am AND 1:00 to 4:30 pm MAX # 16 COST: \$12.00

MEET: Pynelogs Cultural Centre (to carpool)

Source of the Columbia River: Beginning of the Wetlands – Colin Cartwright (U)

Hike to the headwaters and see how the underground flow of one river is responsible for the creation of another. Join local history buff, Colin Cartwright to explore the springs at the south end of Columbia Lake. Learn some local history and how the springs affect the local plants and wildlife.

Thu May 6 from 9 am to 11:30 am

MAX # 15

COST: \$10.00

MEET: Canal Flats Village Office, 8853 Grainger Road

Hike the Trench: Columbia River & Rocky Mountain Trench – Andy Stuart-Hill (I)

This is a relatively moderate hike at low elevations in the Columbia valley. After meeting at Pynelogs the group will carpool to the trailhead. The exact route will depend on trail conditions. The hike will be led by an experienced local hiker accompanied by a naturalist. En route you will learn about the flora, fauna and geology of Rocky Mountain Trench

Fri May 7 from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm

MAX # 15

COST: \$10.00

What to bring: water, lunch, hiking boots, rain gear, hiking poles (optional), binoculars (optional)

MEET: Pynelogs Cultural Centre (to carpool)

Using Birds in Trees to Put Heads in Beds – ECOTOURISM Presentation & Lunch with Carol Patterson

While not a panacea for all that ails rural areas, nature tourism can give wild spaces economic value and provide communities with new sustainable development opportunities. We'll look at the many shapes nature-based tourism takes, from tour packages to wildlife festivals, and what it takes to be successful. You'll understand how to create happy customers from the misunderstood nature tourist and where disaster lurks if plans go wrong.

Fri May 7 from 11:30 am to 2:00 pm

MAX: 30

COST: \$27.00

MEET: Eagle Ranch Golf Resort

Historic Thunder Hill Mine – Colin Cartwright (C)

Join local historian, Colin Cartwright on a hike to the Thunder Hill Mine which was claimed in 1884 and was worked until 1893. See where water was obtained for the steam drills. Walk through the mine shaft, inspect the remains of some of the mining equipment, and see the narrow gorge rail bed. Great views of the valley. Bring binoculars, camera, snack, water and wear good footwear.

Thu May 6 from noon – 4:00 pm

MAX # 15

COST: \$10.00

MEET: Canal Flats Village Office, 8853 Grainger Road (to carpool to trailhead)

#### Bird Atlas'ing Adventure with Cam Gillies (I)

This is year three of five for BC's Breeding Bird Atlas and we need your help! Come out on a birding adventure and learn how easy it is to contribute to the atlas, which is a volunteer effort working toward bird conservation. Bring binoculars, a notebook and a snack

Sat May 8 from 7 am to noon

MAX # 20

COST: \$10.00

MEET: Pynelogs (to carpool)

#### Birds of Invermere and Environs – Randy Hopkins (I)

Enjoy a leisurely examination of various bird habitats within a short drive from Invermere. We'll search rivers, lakes, fields and meadows for whatever birds pop up. Don't miss the blue birds, the owl family, and, oh yes, the sewage lagoons!

Sat May 8 from 7:30 to 11:30 am AND 1:00 to 4:30 pm MAX # 16 COST: \$12.00

MEET: Pynelogs Cultural Centre (to carpool)

#### Moberly Marsh Meander: A Walk through the World famous Ramsar site of the Columbia Wetlands - Ellen Zimmerman (I)

While countless wetlands across the planet are destroyed daily through draining, pollution or development, one of the longest contiguous wetlands in North America survives in the Southeast corner of British Columbia, Canada: a true wilderness in the heart of the Columbia Valley. Join Ellen Zimmerman, long time local conservationist and birder, and experience first hand the interwoven treads that create the complex web of life that is the Columbia Wetlands.

Sat May 8 from 8:00 am to 11:30 am

MAX # 16

COST: \$10.00

MEET: College of the Rockies Parking Lot, Golden (then carpool)

#### Walk With Grandfathers – Grant Howse (I)

Experience a hike along the East side of beautiful Columbia Lake and view the Native Sites, Paintings, and turn of the century Tipi Village. This ancient trade route was used by First Nations People, Metis Fur Traders and Explorers. View eagle nests and other bird and animal dwellings.

Sat May 8 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm

MAX # 18

COST: \$10.00

What to Bring: Binoculars, Camera, Lunch, Water, Comfortable hiking footwear

MEET: Canal Flats Fire Hall (1 hour drive south from Invermere)

#### The Nature Trust of BC's Biodiversity Tour on the Hoodoo Conservation Property (I)

Join The Nature Trust's Kootenay Conservation Land Manager Rob Neil, geologist Bill Ayrton, wildlife biologist Trevor Kinley and biologist Dr. Kari Stuart-Smith, on a hike through the spectacular Hoodoos conservation property. Learn about the geology of the Columbia Valley, the creation of the Hoodoos, the wide variety of local and migratory birds that are found in both the wetlands and on the cliffs of the Hoodoos and the significance of grassland habitat that supports a wide spectrum of wildlife species. The tour will involve short hikes to two destinations. The morning tour will involve a walk, on relatively flat terrain, to a site overlooking the "Columbia River Wetlands" while the afternoon tour leaves from the Hoodoo Trail Parking Lot to the crest of the Hoodoo formation. This walk involves a steady climb to the Hoodoos but is not overly difficult.

Sat May 8 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

MAX # 50

COST: \$15.00

What to bring: water, a lunch, binoculars (if you have them), sturdy walking shoes and a jacket in case of inclement weather

MEET: The Hawke Road intersection with the Westside Road (approximately 7K north of the Westside Road and the Hwy 93/95 junction).

#### Beetles, Burns and Bighorns: Hike in Kootenay National Park's Redstreak Restoration Area (I)

Take a walking tour with Omar McDadi of Kootenay National Park's Redstreak Restoration Area near Radium Hot Springs. Hiking through forests and grasslands, we will take a closer look at what Parks Canada is doing to restore fire in our national parks while continuing to protect communities, visitors and infrastructure from uncontrolled wildfire.

Sat May 8 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

MAX # 12

COST: \$10.00

What to bring: Binoculars, lunch, water, rain clothes, hiking shoes and good socks

MEET: Meet at the Kootenay National Park Visitor Centre in the village of Radium Hot Springs (next to the grocery store)

#### Biodiversity Geocache

Experience the fastest growing outdoor sport in Canada – geocaching! We like to describe the sport as “a digital scavenger hunt”, where you use a hand-held GPS to locate specific places or hidden treasures. The BC Rockies Adventures Team has developed an exciting scavenger hunt (or “geotrail”) that will highlight some of the important aspects of our local forests; wildlife trees, plants, animals, birds and much more.

Sat May 8 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

MAX # 20 kids

COST: \$10.00/child (parents may join at no cost)

MEET: Fairmont Hot Springs Resort Lodge (front lobby)

#### Everything Grizzly: Face to Face with Boo (U)

Kicking Horse Grizzly Bear Refuge is home to Boo the resident grizzly bear, who is now 8 years old. Boo was saved and offered the most natural life possible for a captive grizzly bear. Guests are educated about everything grizzly and have a chance to view this majestic creature up close in a natural setting.

Sat May 8 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

MAX # unlimited

COST: \$15.00 (includes Chairlift ride up Kicking Horse Mountain Resort)

What to bring: warm clothes, be prepared for mountain weather (hat, gloves, jacket, rain coat, pack), camera, hiking boot/good shoes, binoculars, snack, water/hot drink, etc

MEET: Kicking Horse Mountain Resort Day Lodge Plaza (near Golden) and proceed to Catamount Chairlift.

Meeting time 1 pm at base of resort.

#### Sunday Morning Wetlands Paddle with Dr. Faisal Moola (I)

Ahhhhhh, Sunday morning on the water...surrounded by birds, bees and trees. Join this year's Festival Keynote Speaker, Dr. Faisal Moola from the David Suzuki Foundation on a paddle through the Columbia Wetlands. There will be other birding experts, grassland specialists and all-round great people joining this event on the final day of the Festival. Basic paddling experience necessary.

Sun May 9 from 8:30 am to 11:30 am

MAX # 20

COST: \$25.00 (includes canoe/kayak & PFD)

MEET: Columbia River Outfitters (south side of Athalmer Bridge)

#### Feeding Frenzy (U)

Do you enjoy having birds in your yard and would you like them to stay longer? Join us for an interactive session on feeding methods, feathered friend diets, placement of feeding stations, doing battle with squirrels/wildlife and some handy tips and techniques aimed to get the most out of your bird feeding adventures.

Sun May 9 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

MAX # 12

COST: \$10.00

What to bring: binoculars, lunch, water, etc if outdoors, dress for the weather and bring a lawn chair, if indoors a notebook and pen

MEET: At the gate of Radium Valley Vacation Resort just north of Radium on Highway 95.

## **Cultural Events, Workshops and other Interests**

### Wings Auction Exhibit

Auction Items will be on display (and bid for Silent Auction items) at the Pynelogs Cultural Centre the week of the Festival. Final bidding opportunities will be at the 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Banquet at Eagle Ranch Golf Course on Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds from the auction assist Wings Over the Rockies continue to provide outstanding programming.

Mon May 3 to Sat May 8 from 11:00 – 4:00 pm

Pynelogs Cultural Centre

Free. No registration necessary.

### Pynelogs Café featuring the Scottie Burger

Featuring a varied menu of flatbreads, quiche, salads, daily soups, kid's menu, daily features and baked goods, using fresh and seasonal ingredients. Bag lunches available by request

Licensed Premises, Internet wireless connection – just bring your own laptop

Serving lunch Wednesday to Sunday from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm

Pynelogs Cultural Centre, (next to Kinsmen Beach)

### Wings Over The Rockies Art Show



Columbia Valley Arts Council is pleased to present another Wings Over the Rockies Art Show. The show will feature over 20 talented artists and artisans, who will present painting, photography, sculpture, carving, and much more!

Everyone is welcome.

Open Daily from 11 am to 4 pm

Pynelogs Cultural Centre, (next to Kinsmen Beach)

Free. No registration necessary.

### Wings Festival 'Roost Room'

Visit the 'Roost Room' to browse through the Wings Festival merchandise, and soar through the information Displays from a variety of organizations. The 'Roost Room' is located in the upstairs Centre Gallery, beside the Wings Registration Room at Pynelogs Cultural Centre

### BAVIN GLASSWORKS - Glass Blowing Demonstration

Pat & Ryan Bavin

We are a working studio/gallery established in the Columbia Valley in 1988 specializing in unique glass-blowing techniques. Watch local glass artists Pat and Ryan Bavin create works of art at their studio and shop. The same building is home to our gallery where we sell our glass. In the gallery we also represent over 35 other artists from around western Canada in the mediums of Glass, Metal and Clay.

Gallery Hours: Mon to Sat from 10 am – 6 pm

Bavin Glassworks, Athalmer Hwy.

Free - no registration necessary

### Black Star Studio

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Brian Hoffos Wood Design

Wood turning decorative mirrors and lamps. Artist Studio and showroom.

Wed, Fri & Sat, 10 – 5 Demo at 1 pm Wed

Windermere Art Corner

Free. No registration necessary.

The Artym Gallery

Representing over 60 artists from across Canada: always new and fresh works, knowledgeable and welcoming staff.

Mon to Sat, 10am – 5:30pm & Sun, 11 – 3 pm

The Artym Gallery, 934 - 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Invermere

Free. No registration necessary.

effusion Art Gallery

"An-unrestrained expression of emotion." The gallery is created on the energy of contemporary art. We bring you a collaboration of established and emerging artisans from coast to coast in our newly designed gallery located on Main Street Invermere.

Tues to Sat, 11 – 5:30

Sun, 12 – 4 pm

Main Street, Invermere

Bird Bath Saturday at the Radium Hot Springs Pool

Bring the whole family and enjoy a dip in the natural Hot Springs Pools. All child admissions will be free!

Sat May 10 – all day