

BCFO Two Day Field Trips 2013

Join with Fellow Members – Great Birding in Great Locations

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Okanagan Valley Kelowna

April 21 – 22, 2013

As spring arrives in the Central Okanagan, snow levels fall, temperatures increase and migration gets underway in earnest. Birding in the Central Okanagan can be very exciting in late April. Visiting a range of habitats and elevations target species include Mountain and Western Bluebirds, Say's Phoebe, Red-naped Sapsucker and perhaps Northern Pygmy Owl. Upper elevation species are possible such as Boreal Chickadee, Pine Grosbeak and American Three-toed Woodpecker.

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Upper Fraser Valley

June 1 – 2, 2013

Between Abbotsford and Hope lies a bird-rich, but very under-birded area. Birding locations are varied and spectacular, with "good" birds turning up here regularly. Locations we'll visit are Sumas Prairie east, the Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve, Cheam Lake Wetlands RP, and the Hope Airport and Sewage Treatment Plant.

Leader: John Vooyo
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Chilcotin Expedition

June 21-23, 2013

In 2010, a remarkable suite of birds was discovered breeding in the Anahim Lake, Heckman Pass area. These included Gray-cheeked Thrush, Yellow Rail, Least sandpiper, and Lesser Yellowlegs. From our cabins on Anahim Lake (optional lakeside camping) we will explore the diverse birdlife of the western Chilcotin.

NOTE: For this special, remote trip, please confirm your participation with the leader (who will arrange accommodation) not later than May 28, 2013

Leader: George Clulow
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Sunshine Coast

Nov. 23-24, 2013

As a place to see rocky coastline shore birds on the southern Mainland Coast, the Sunshine Coast is the destination of choice.

Combining Black Oystercatchers, Black Turnstones, Surfbirds and Rock Sandpipers on the shores with possibly 5 species of alcids, including Ancient, and Marbled Murrelets offshore, this trip promises a feast of wintering water-birds that can be tough to find elsewhere.

Leader: Tony Greenfield
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How the Trips Work

BCFO two-day field trips are member-led, but participants make their own arrangements for accommodation, food and travel EXCEPT for the Chilcotin Expedition where leader will arrange accommodation.

Schedule

Day 1: am birding; pm birding, evening get-together (see below).

Day 2: am birding, pm optional birding.



Carpooling is encouraged. For the birding trips, carpooling will be arranged on the morning of Day 1.

Register in Advance

Important: Register at least two weeks in advance EXCEPT for the Chilcotin Expedition (see above). E-mail or phone the trip leader with names and numbers of participants. The leader will give you specific details of when and where to meet.

If needed, additional leaders may be recruited to keep group sizes small.

Cost per Two-day Event

Members: \$10. per person

Non-members: \$40. per person*

*Includes BCFO membership

Note: BCFO general memberships are family memberships.

The Social Side

At the end of Day 1, where possible, leaders will make arrangements for participants to meet for dinner at a nearby restaurant to recap the day, tally species seen, and confirm arrangements for the following day.

