

## Forthcoming Trips:

### Beautiful Butterflies at West Lynn Garden, New Lynn 10am Thursday 20th April.

We will visit the amazing Butterfly House and see the Monarch butterflies that are bred there. We will also explore West Lynn Garden, 2.5 hectares of tall trees and flowering shrubs. Suitable for the whole family. Entry \$2 pp, under 2 free.

Book: Sharon McGaffin 483 9762 or [sharon.mcgaffin@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sharon.mcgaffin@xtra.co.nz)



### Glow Worms at Night in Leigh Reserve , Glenfield 6.30pm Friday 12 May



From the Morrighia Place entrance, we will walk to the boardwalk around the two largest and oldest Kauri on the North Shore. Then down the track to Lynn Reserve looking at the bio luminescence of the glow worms; Titiwai (lights reflected in water). They line the stream banks of this lovely reserve. This walk down to Lynn Reserve can take half an hour depending on our stops to look at night insects. Book with **Ann Brabant 4191048** or [anabrab@ihug.co.nz](mailto:anabrab@ihug.co.nz) giving the ages, names of the children and a mobile contact number.

**IMPORTANT:** Book Early for all trips to avoid disappointment, as we sometimes have to limit numbers.  
**A responsible adult** must accompany children at events as we are not responsible for the welfare of individual children.  
**Families booked on trips will be contacted with specific instructions before the day.**

### Are You Ready for Garden Bird Survey? 6:30pm Friday, 23rd June



Are you ready to do the Garden Bird Survey next week? Can you recognise the birds in your garden? The Garden Bird Survey is 24<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Come along for a fun evening where we will help you to identify the birds and get to know their calls. This will be held at Christine's home in Browns Bay followed by a yummy supper. To book contact [chrisalice51@gmail.com](mailto:chrisalice51@gmail.com) or **0210558151**

### Meet Wetapunga at the Zoo 10a.m Thursday 13 July



Take this opportunity to get up close to the world's heaviest insect, our own wetapunga and other creatures in a Behind the Scenes encounter at Auckland Zoos native breeding programme. This is a school holiday activity and we have negotiated 50% discount on zoo entrance. Book early with:  
**Marilyn at [cmgulliver@clear.net.nz](mailto:cmgulliver@clear.net.nz) or 4785562.**

## Recent Trips:

### Magical Patterns in an Edible Garden Whangaparaoa , November



On a fine Sunday morning 8 children and 8 adults were welcomed by Dee Pigneguy to her new edible garden made using only organic, sustainable techniques. She talked about nature's patterns and insect mysteries which they then discovered by exploring her garden. They made newspaper plant pots and chose beans, sunflower seeds and sprouting potatoes to plant in their home garden. Dee had her books for sale including, "Exploring Nature's Pattern Magic".

**Coordinator Marilyn Gulliver**

### Water Bugs and Beasties Campbells Bay - January



15 Children and their parents had a very interesting time investigating what was living in the stream in **Centennial Park**. We tested water temperature, acidity, clarity and looked at the creatures found and identified them. Shelley Hackett from Auckland Council led the children in their investigations.

**Co-ordinator: Christine Thomson**

### Meola Reef Walkabout - February



A great adventure with 15 children, their families and 3 coordinators. At low tide they walked out on the 11 km lava flow reef and had a muddy adventure in the mangrove swamps on the side of Meola Reserve. With search lists and illustrations the children found Mud snails and crabs and horn snails, learnt about mangrove forests and explored rock pools in the basalt rock formed by the lava.

**Coordinator , Ann Brabant**

### Seaweek on Rotoroa Island - March



10 children, their parents and 2 coordinators had a great day on this heritage and conservation island. As volunteers we did beach clean up and collected seeds on arrival then were taken on an enviro explore and predator workshop. We got up close to takahe, weka, pateke and stick insects and finished the day with a swim at Ladies Bay and a sausage sizzle before catching the ferry.

**Coordinator: Marilvn Gulliver**