

## FIELD TRIPS

Meeting point: Botany Dept car park cnr Gt. King & Union Sts. 9.00am start UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

### 2011

- September 17** **Mystery Trip to see Otago skinks.** Leader Janet Ledingham, 467 2960. Cost \$15. To be confirmed.
- October 15** **Mt Watkin Scenic Reserve.** Great views and vegetation. Grade easy/ moderate. Leader Janet Ledingham, 467 2960. Cost \$10.
- November 12-13** **Weekend Field Trip to Awarua Bay and Waituna Lagoon**  
This is a joint trip with the Otago Branch of OSNZ. Members of Southland OSNZ will be available to guide us. Please let Mary Thompson (464 0787) maryt@actrix.co.nz, know asap if you are likely to be interested in coming so that arrangements can be put in place. We will aim to look at some of the special plants as well.
- December 3** **Riverslea, Rock and Pillar Range, northern end.** 4WD trip with Central Otago-Lakes Branch. Grade medium. Leader Janet Ledingham. Explore the new Conservation Area. Start time to be advised. Cost \$25.

### 2012

- February 18** **Aldinga Conservation Area (near Alexandra).** We will visit the Mokomoko Dryland Sanctuary, a project to reinstate original species (such as the Otago Skink) with Grant Norbury. Grade easy-medium, leader Janet Ledingham. NB Start time 8-0am, Cost \$25
- March 17** **Pleasant River estuary,** Tavora Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust Reserve and Anderson's Lagoon. Saltmarsh plants, seabirds and waders and coastal views. Grade easy. Leaders Janet Ledingham and Pat Mark. Cost \$15.00.
- April 21** **Craigieburn Reserve near Ross Creek.** Grade easy. Leader Paul Pope. Discussion of reserve history and management plan. Cost: \$8.00.

## INDOOR MEETINGS

7-40pm. Room 215, 2nd Floor, Zoology Benham Building, 346 Gt King St, next to the Captain Cook Hotel.  
Please be on time as we have to hold the door open

### 2011

- August 16** Ed. Waite, Botany Department, University of Otago "The birds and bees in the trees: The role of isolated trees in supporting urban biodiversity".
- September 20** Dr Susan Walker. Landcare Research, Dunedin. "Ecological values and issues in the Mackenzie Basin"
- October 18** Sue Maturin, Forest and Bird. "Kiwis saving mangrove finches - and other Galapagos highlights".
- November 15** Lorna Little, Botany Dept. University of Otago. "Botany in the extreme: Flower colour in polar regions."

### 2012

- February 21** Barbara Barratt, AgResearch, Invermay Research Centre, Mosgiel. "Impacts of snow tussock burning on invertebrate communities."
- March 20** Dr Ian Turnbull, ex GNS Science "The mapping of Fiordland "
- April 17** Dr Chris Hepburn, Marine Sciences, University of Otago.  
"Ki Uta Ki Tai: Including links between the land and sea in marine conservation strategies."
- May 15** **AGM** followed by: Nicholas Cullen, Geography Dept. University of Otago. "The shrinking glaciers of Kilimanjaro: can global warming be blamed?"
- June 19** Nathan McNally, Zoology Dept., University of Otago. "The Neglected Sex: spatial dynamics and breeding behaviour of the male New Zealand sea lion, *Phocarctos hookeri*."
- July 17** Councillor Jinty McTavish  
"A green-tinged view from City Hall"

## ROYAL FOREST AND BIRD PROTECTION SOCIETY OF N.Z. (Inc)

### DUNEDIN, SOUTH OTAGO, AND CENTRAL OTAGO-LAKES

#### BRANCH PROGRAMMES 2011-2012



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#### DUNEDIN BRANCH PROGRAMME

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**Website co-ordinator:** Jeremy Beck  
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#### DUNEDIN FOREST AND BIRD VOLUNTEERS

(for wilding pine eradication trips, ecological projects)

##### Co-ordinator:

Matthew Thompson, Phone 021 392 983  
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#### KIWI CONSERVATION CLUB (to age 13)

Contact **Rebecca Shaw**  
Phone 478 1050, Mobile 027 404 6946  
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## CENTRAL OTAGO-LAKES BRANCH

### Field Trip Programme 2011/2012

**Chairperson:** Mark Ayre 03 443 1369, info@colb.org.nz

**Secretary:** Denise Bruns 03 443 5462  
denise.bruns@gmail.com

**11th September:** (weather contingency dates; 17th, 18th).  
**Mou Waho Island trip.** Restoration Planting Day with afternoon tea and guided walk with a local expert.  
Contact: Florence Gaud 03 443 5373, flogo73@hotmail.com

**1st -2nd October: West Coast walks.** This is a weekend trip exploring some great tracks on the West Coast.  
Contact: John Turnbull 03 443 1607, jturnbull@xtra.co.nz

**5th November: North Otago** - 4WD trip through the Manuherikia Valley around the two Omarama saddles. Explore the tussock grasslands of the upper Manuherikia River valley, Oteake Conservation Park.  
Contact: Errol Carr 03 443 8669, ErrolCarr.LakeHawea@xtra.co.nz

**3rd December: Riverslea, North end of the Rock & Pillar Range.**  
This is a joint day trip with Dunedin branch. Any 4WD's available will be useful.  
Contact: Denise Bruns 03 443 5462  
denise.bruns@gmail.com

**21st January: Alpine Flower discovery.** This is a day trip to Fraser Basin to look at alpine flowering plants with a local expert. Reasonable fitness is required. Meet at Mitchells Cottage at 9am. Bring your lunch.  
Contact: John Douglas 03 448 7474

**3rd March: Skinks.** A talk by Jan Kelly on developing a skink friendly garden and a visit to the Kelly's garden on Faulks Road near Wanaka.  
Contact: Anne Steven 03 443 6766, a.steven@xtra.co.nz

**2nd April: Upper Clutha Geology trip with a local expert.** We will be starting at the Hawea Dam and driving up towards Makarora looking at the land-slides, debris flows and other nasty bits.  
Contact: Graeme Halliday 03 443 7448

**5th May: AGM** at the Bird and Wildlife Park, Queenstown  
Contact: Denise Bruns 03 443 5462, denise.bruns@gmail.com

We are also planning some specialised trips to :-

- the Haast Kiwi Sanctuary
- looking at propagating Mistletoe
- Native Bat survey at Makarora

Contact denise.bruns@gmail.com if you are interested in these.

## TAUTUKU LODGE

Enjoy a weekend or a few peaceful days at the Society's own Lodge on the Lenz Reserve at Tautuku, South East Otago.

Main lodge sleeps up to 10, A-frame is 2-bed and Francis Coutt's cabin is 4-bed.

Write (enclosing a stamped addressed envelope) for free brochure, or email your booking to

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## SOUTH OTAGO BRANCH

**Chairperson:** Roy Johnstone  
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**Secretary:** Jane Young 03 415 8532,  
email: janejimyoung@slingshot.co.nz

Venue for talks: St Andrews Church Hall, Balclutha at 7-30pm

### 2011

**July 25 John Steel.** Ferns – Gentle Denizens of the Forest Floor.

**August 5 Native Plant Sale**

**August 22 Davina Hunt.** Rats & Reindeer, Penguins & Pioneers : Reflections on an 'expedition' to Antarctic Peninsula & South Georgia.

**September 26 Prof Richard Norris.** Canterbury Earthquakes : Potential in South Otago.

**October 17 Dr Marc Schallenberg. Coastal Lakes, Lagoons and Wetlands - Forgotten Past & Uncertain Future.**

**November Photographic Competition People** Contributing to Conservation

**November 6 Field Trip.** Peter & Helen Gilder. Waitapeka Farms, Supreme Winner Otago Farm Environment Award 2011.

**November 28 Sue Maturin & Graeme Loh.** Kiwi Saving Darwin Finches - Galapagos Highlights.

### 2012

**January 29 Mystery Field Trip.**

**February 27 Neill Gillespie.** Hydroelectric Generation on the Clutha.

**March 19 Graeme York.** Kathmandu, Nepal.

**April 23 AGM. Pot Luck Tea.** Ian Knowles - Journeys of a Nuffield Scholar.

**May 28 Fergus Sutherland.** Secrets of Success at Southland's Te Rere Penguin Reserve.