



Forest & Bird

GIVING NATURE A VOICE

WELLINGTON & WAIRARAPA REGION SUMMER PROGRAMME 2009-10

LOWER HUTT

Evening Meetings: 1st Thurs each month, 7.30pm at HV Tramping Club Rooms
Birch St, Waterloo, Lower Hutt

Chairperson: Kevin Bateman 970 6457
Secretary: Stan Butcher 567 7271
PO Box 31-194, Lower Hutt

KCC Karen Baker 938 2050

KAPITI-MANA

Evening Meetings: As listed in programme

Chairperson: Tony Ward (04) 293 7203
Secretary: John McLachlan (04) 904 0027
78 Langdale Ave, Paraparaumu

KCC contacts:

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Kapiti Coast Sharyn Gunn (04) 905 2300
021 180 4309

UPPER HUTT

Evening Meetings: 7.30pm at Heretaunga College Staff Room, Ward Street, Upper Hutt

Chairperson: Barry Wards 970 4266
Secretary: Fred Fowler 528 3127
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WAIRARAPA

Evening Meetings: As given in newsletter

Chairperson: Geoff Doring 021-619-599
Secretary: Roger Greenslade (06) 377 5255
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WELLINGTON

Meetings: Refer to the F&B website for Wellington Branch events

Chair Peter Hunt 232 5726
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KCC co-ordinator: Juliette Cooke 479 1798
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Our Mission

To preserve & protect the native plants & animals & natural features of New Zealand

Trips, Meetings & Work Parties

Trip leaders should set the fee each person pays their driver.
Public Liability Insurance held by Forest & Bird covers members only.

Pauatahanui Work Party Days

1st & 3rd Mondays & 2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month

Ron Freeston 589 9232

Wanda Tate 233 1760

Brian Western 237 7021

E-trampers

The Forest & Bird E-tramp group meets each Wednesday at 10am somewhere in the Wellington region for a tramp of between three & four hours. For more information, please phone Sue Usher (479 6857.)

TRIP GRADING

- E - EASY** - Approximately four hours on formed undulating tracks/paths.
- M - MODERATE** - Approximately five hours on good tracks with climbing.
- F - FIT** - At least five hours with steeper climbing on bush tracks/routes.
Possibly stream crossings

WEBSITES

Central Office Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society of NZ: www.forestandbird.org.nz

Kiwi Conservation Club: www.kcc.org.nz

NZ Ecological Restoration Network: www.bush.org.nz

NZ Plant Conservation Network: www.nzpcn.org.nz

SOCIETY CONTACTS

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INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

- All members are welcome on all trips & at the meetings in this combined programme.
- Please advise trip leader as early as possible if you intend to join a trip.
- Check with the trip leader for meeting place & departure time. Please telephone between 9.00am & 9.00pm.
- Dogs are not allowed & plants are not to be collected.

Date	Event	Leader/Speaker	Description
NOVEMBER			
Wed 4	Old Whakanui/New Whakanui	Marilyn Wilkinson (477 4591)	M (4.5 hrs)
Thu 5	Lower Hutt Branch Meeting	Andrew Cutler (Forest & Bird)	<i>Tapu Teranga Marine Reserve – 20 years of toil, strife & determination</i>
Wed 11	Bills Track – Maungakotukutuku	Cynthia & Don Petersen (04 902 0035)	M (5 hrs)
Wed 18	Circumnavigate Karori Sanctuary	Dot & Dave Catchpole (970 2327)	M (4.5 hrs)
Wed 25	Maara roa to Round knob	Mike Peers (232 6822)	M (4.5 hrs)
Wed 25	Upper Hutt Branch Meeting	Keith Calder (Porirua Harbour Strategy Coordinator).	<i>Porirua Harbour & Catchment – People, Problems & Prospects.</i> A timely & fitting talk in recognition of the 25 th anniversary of the beginning of restoration work at the Pauatahanui Wildlife Reserve saltmarsh & wetland
Wed 25	Kapiti Branch Meeting (Presbyterian Lounge, Ngaio Road, Waikanae, 7.30pm)	Rebecca Goffin (Royal Society of NZ)	<i>Studying Catchment Management – how catchment management can be used to teach science in schools.</i> The Environmental Monitoring & Action Project (EMAP) is a nationwide environmental education programme run by the Royal Society of New Zealand. Hear about some of the exciting catchment projects we are developing with community groups & schools around the country.
Sat 28	Wainuiomata to Catchpool	Marilyn Wilkinson (477 4591)	M (5 hrs) <i>If you wish to participate, please ring Marilyn/Peter by Thu 26 Nov</i>
Sat 28	Celebrating the Wild Otaki River	Brenda McLean (06 364 5573; belindamc@clear.net.nz)	Meet at Boille Flat, on the left of Otaki Gorge Road about 1km after the Roaring Meg Bridge & approximately 30 min drive from Otaki Bridge on SH1. Horowhenua & Kapiti branches & KCC are combining for the Wild River event, which is being celebrated nationally by Forest & Bird on rivers around New Zealand. We're planning an enjoyable family day which will include walks in the bush, a picnic lunch, identifying invertebrates in

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			the river & a search for native orchids.
Sun 29	Upper Hutt Wild Rivers Campaign Launch – Kaitoke Regional Park	Graham Bellamy (526 3053)	<p>A fun day out for everyone to celebrate New Zealand's wonderful wild rivers. The day will be based at Rivendell – the grassy area at the Pakuratahi-Hutt River forks where the Lord of the Rings scenes were filmed.</p> <p>Starting at 3.00pm there will be activities for children & adults, ending with a BBQ at 6.00pm.</p> <p>Displays & presentations by GWR & DoC. Fishing & river crossing demos & much more.</p>
DECEMBER			
Wed 2	Cattle Ridge – Orongorongo	Ted Clayton (476 3699)	M (5 hrs)
Thu 3	Lower Hutt Branch Meeting	Colin Ryder (Friends of Mana Island)	<i>Mana Island, Matiu/Somes' Big Brother</i>
Wed 9	BUS TRIP – Rimutaka Incline	Trevor Mowbray (478 8132)	<p>M</p> <p>Annual Christmas event – bus takes us to Cross Creek to walk back to Pakuratahi or you can walk from Pakuratahi as far as you wish – meet up with those completing the full trip?.</p>
Wed 16	Bush in the City	Barbara Murison (479 5538)	M (4.5 hrs)
JANUARY 2010			
Wed 13	Hutt Forks – Kaitoke	Mike Peers (232 6822)	F (5+ hrs)
Wed 20	Southern Walkway with variations	Janet Coburn (971 8200)	M (4.5 hrs)
Sun 24	Ohau Gorge-Levin	Cynthia & Don Peterson (04 902 0035)	<p>M (4.5 hrs)</p> <p><i>If you wish to participate please ring Cynthia/Don by Sat 23 Jan</i></p>
Wed 27	Deer Pen – Reikorangi	Rob Ward (04 905 0707)	M (4.5 hrs)
FEBRUARY			

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Wed 3	Kaitawa Reserve – Mangakawa Trig – Bright's Farm	Sally Perris (04 904 2546)	M (4.5 hrs)
Thu 4	Lower Hutt Branch Meeting	Tim Park (Greater Wellington Regional Council)	Greater Wellington's Biodiversity Programme
7-13 Feb	Annual Camp – Ohakune	Janet Coburn (971 8200)	
Wed 17	Green String Track, Reikorangi	Cynthia & Don Petersen (04 902 0035)	M/F (5 hrs)
Sat 20	Kapiti Branch BBQ Otaihanga Domain, Paraparaumu	David Gregorie (04 904 2183)	The barbeque will be followed by a guided walk up the south bank of the Waikanae River to see the replanting programme undertaken by Kapiti Forest & Bird members. 12.30pm.
Wed 24	Upper Hutt Branch Annual BBQ	Fred Fowler (528 3127)	Details in Jan/February newsletter
Wed 24	Haywards Reserve – Days Bay	Karen Baker (938 2050)	M (4.5 hrs)
MARCH			
Wed 3	Battle Hill Farm Forest Park	Gillian & Max George (232 4200)	M (4-5 hrs)
Thu 4	Lower Hutt Branch Meeting	Susan Waugh, Forest & Bird	Seabird Ecology in the Pacific
Wed 10	Korokoro Waterfalls	Marianne Jenner (589 1919)	M (5 hrs)
Wed 17	Hemi Matenga to Hadfield Road	Sally Perris (04 904 2546)	M (5+ hrs)
Wed 24	Campbells Mill Road-Pernhams Road	Sally Mathieson (04 904 1260)	M (4+ hrs)
Wed 24	Upper Hutt Branch Meeting	Sue McKee (tramper, photographer, teacher & artist).	Painting Nature through Photographs Sue's passion is painting nature through photographs & she does this through exquisite macro photography & extraordinary perceptions of nature's beauty & diversity. A visual extravaganza.
Wed 24	Kapiti Branch Meeting (Presbyterian Lounge, Ngaio Road, Waikanae 7.30pm)	Colin Miskelly (DoC)	Southern Ocean Sojourns

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Wed 31	Onepoto-Titahi Bay	Dawn Lamb (04 905 0353)	M (4+ hrs)
APRIL			
Thu 1	Lower Hutt Branch Meeting	James Griffiths (DoC)	<i>Project Kaka – Tararua Nature Recovery</i>
2-5 APRIL – EASTER			
Wed 7	Smiths Creek – Kaitoke	Trevor Mowbray (478 8132)	M (5 hrs)
Wed 14	Round Knob-Belmont Regional Park	John Groombridge (589 5461)	M (4.5 hrs)
Wed 21	Plimmerton-Pukerua Bay	Dawn Lamb (04 905 0353)	M (4-5 hrs)
Wed 28	Skyline-Otari	Trevor Mowbray (478 8132)	M (4 hrs)
Wed 28	Upper Hutt Branch Meeting & AGM	Robyn Smith (Greater Wellington).	<i>Ecological Wonders of Lord Howe Island.</i> A journey into the natural beauty of this island through the eyes of one in search of rest & relaxation.
Wed 28	Kapiti Branch Meeting (Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu, 7.30pm)	Dr Malcolm Francis (NIWA.)	<i>Seaweeds, Seastars & Seahorses</i>
MAY			
Thu 6	Lower Hutt Branch Meeting	Hamish Campbell (Geophysical & Nuclear Sciences)	<i>Dinosaurs & Other Fossils</i>