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Conservation Week

Conservation Week at Gordon Park Scenic Reserve was a great success.

With the weather on our side we had a wonderful day in the sunshine.....digging, planting, walking, talking and enjoying the BBQ lunch.

With over 20 people turning up throughout the morning the Coprosma robusta and carex secta were in the ground in no time. These plants had been carefully grown from seed by the Friends of Gordon Park volunteers and were planted around the car park area.

With time to spare Colin Ogle took the group for a walk around the reserve sharing his vast array of knowledge, while Tim Paki from DOC showed the group one of the recently reset possum traps.

The Friends of Gordon Park have regular weeding days every 2nd Tuesday of the month from 9am - 12 noon and every 4th Thursday of the month from 1 - 4pm. For more information or to join the friends of Gordon Park please contact Adele Meyer at DOC on 06)3492148 or email ameyer@doc.govt.nz



Hello Everyone...

The most momentous occasion this year is the successful introduction of hibi/stitchbird to Bushy Park Sanctuary. Those birds who have avoided the native falcon and other natural predators have thrived, fattened and nested.

In conjunction with other environmental groups, we are conducting trips: day and overnight.

Overnights to date: Lake Ferry with a trip in the mist to Cape Palliser Lighthouse.

Daytrips include Rotokare Sanctuary (Eltham) and Kapiti Island.

Look out for the Summer Programme published and distributed in December.

We support activities at Bushy Park and Westmere Lake mainly weeding.

Please email if you are interested in being an active member. j.and.e.williams@xtra.co.nz

Esther Williams

KARAPA

Great article re weeds in todays paper.

At John Coull Hut last week I continuously smelt the fragrant perfume of alsuosmia macrophylla.

I have been aware of the bushes, but never seen them in flower. I have brought a few cuttings home to strike. They may be of use in the goat-free environment of Bushy Park.

The bird life round the Hut was prolific, and I saw the long tail bat/s nightly.

- ESTHER WILLIAMS



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