

The Catlins Summer Programme 2019 All welcome!

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For changes or updates

Check with the organisers and/or South Otago Forest & Bird Facebook page
www.facebook.com/ForestAndBirdSouthOtago/ - Events

Important information

- Before taking part in outdoor activities you must pay careful attention to the safety briefing and sign the register.
- Most activities are suitable for children, but children **must** be accompanied by an adult.
- Make sure that you have clothing and footwear suitable for our changeable weather.
- Activities may have limited numbers of participants so advance booking is recommended.
- Most activities don't have set charges, but a gold coin donation is appreciated.



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Giving Nature a Voice

Events 2019 NB Most outdoor events last 2–3 hours

Wed 02 Jan 10am

Cryptic life in the forest

Penelope Gillette

Meet: Papatowai picnic grounds

Organiser: Penelope 0223 841048 pngillette@gmail.com

Share Pen's passion for these hidden life forms during a short walk along the Picnic Point track.

Thurs 03 Jan 10:30–12:30am ***KCC Family Day at Earthlore***

Inspector Insector aka Gordon Thompson

Meet: Earthlore car park, 129 Hina Hina Rd. KCC members free, non-members \$5/child.

Spaces limited – please book by 02 Jan.

Organiser: Catriona 0223 914698 catlinsbats@gmail.com

Inspector Insector will be leading the investigation of a special case for KCC families in the beautiful Earthlore gardens.

Thurs 03 Jan 9:30pm ***Night walk to Matai Falls***

Catriona Gower

Meet: Matai Falls car park Duration approx 1½ hours

Organiser: Catriona 0223 914698 catlinsbats@gmail.com

Discover the magic of sights and sounds in the bush at night. Birds, bats, trees, insects, lichens, maybe even glow worms! Bring a torch.

Fri 04 Jan 1pm

Birds and Bush – KCC activity open to all

Penelope Gillette

Meet: Pounaweia playground shelter

Organiser: Penelope 0223 841048 pngillette@gmail.com

Learn bird ID and some secrets of the bush, especially for children, from an enthusiastic expert. (Bring binoculars if you can.)

Sat 05 Jan 1pm

Exploring Otanomomo Bush

Roy Johnstone & Jim Young

Meet: Otanomomo Scientific Reserve, Telford Dairy entrance, 615 Owaka Hwy

Organiser: Roy Johnstone 03 418 1319 021 174 9019 johns-stones@rivernet.co.nz

A rare chance to explore the remnant lowland podocarp forest at Otanomomo and visit an historic grave site. (Marked route, not a formed walking track.) We'll be checking a few predator traps and doing some not-too-energetic weed busting en route.

Sun 06 Jan 1pm

Catlins Railway Tour – Tunnel Hill to Tawanui

The Catlins Historical Society

Meet: Owaka Museum. Return to the Museum for afternoon tea (inc). Cost \$10. Booking is strongly recommended.

Contact Leadman Ibbotson 03 4158889 or Owaka Museum (03) 4158323 owakamuseum@outlook.com

Mon 07 Jan 2pm

Birds at the Catlins River Estuary

Richard Schofield

Meet: Owaka Museum to car pool Limit: 20 **Organiser:** Richard 03 418 4415/027 281 8701 cluthaphotos@gmail.com

Come with Richard to find numerous bird species around the Catlins Lake – dotterels, oyster catchers, shags, white-faced herons, spoonbills, and end up viewing the world-record holding godwits.

Fri 11 Jan 6pm

Biodiversity in your garden

Gordon & Janine Thompson

Meet: Earthlore car park, 129 Hinahina Rd

Organisers: Gordon & Janine 03 4158455/027 3853182 earthlore3@gmail.com

Stroll through Earthlore and find out what you can do in your own backyard to help the survival of our native species.

Sat 12 Jan 7:30pm ***The Invading Sea*** **Neville Peat**
Meet: Owaka Community Centre supper room **Organiser:** Jim 03 415 8532/027 440 9529 janejimyoung@slingshot.co.nz
Dunedin writer Neville Peat presents the findings from his latest book which looks at coastal hazards resulting from climate change, and at how communities, councils and government can adapt to a rising sea and the prospect of more damaging storms.

Sun 13 Jan 1pm ***Sea lions on the beach*** **Emma Bardsley**
Meet: Owaka Museum Limit: 20 Cost: \$5 for bus **Organiser:** Jim 03 415 8532/027 440 9529 janejimyoung@slingshot.co.nz
A chance to see NZ sea lions and hear from DOC ranger Emma Bardsley about their biology. The bus will drop you off at Surat Bay and pick you up approx two hours later after a 3km guided walk to Cannibal Bay (or vice versa).

Thurs 17 Jan 12–4pm ***Bird & Bat Box Making in Papatowai*** **Catriona Gower**
Meet: Papatowai Fire Station **Organiser:** Catriona 0223 914698 catlinsbats@gmail.com
Drop by any time through the afternoon and help us make boxes for our local bats and birds to use. Learn a bit more about our local wildlife while you are here. All materials provided. Bring a hammer and screwdriver if you have them.

Sat 19 Jan 10am ***Ask the Gurus – Picnic & eco-activity*** **Fergus Sutherland**
Meet: Shanks Bush cnr Tahakopa Valley Rd & Papatowai Hwy **Organiser:** Fergus 03 415 8602 fergusutherland@icloud.com
Investigate the quirky track at Shanks Bush with the gurus on hand to answer questions about the animals and plants that you meet. Bring nature photos for ID.

Sun 20 Jan 9am ***Fossils at Papatowai*** **Fergus Sutherland**
Meet: Papatowai picnic ground car park **Organiser:** Fergus 03 415 8602 fergusutherland@icloud.com
Discover Jurassic fossils including ammonites, shells and worms as you walk along the rocky shore.

Fri 25 Jan 8:30pm ***Moths – Butterflies of the Night*** **Gordon & Janine Thompson**
Meet: Earthlore car park 129 Hinahina Rd **Organisers:** Gordon & Janine 03 4158455/027 3853182 earthlore3@gmail.com
Setting up a light trap to attract the creatures of the night so we can observe them. Bring your camera as an experienced photographer will be on hand to give tips about night photography. We'll also be taking an evening walk round Earthlore's gardens where feeding stations will be set up.

Sat 26 Jan 7:30pm ***Tautuku Restoration Project*** **Franny Cunninghame**
Meet: Papatowai Fire Station **Organiser:** Jim Young 03 415 8532/027 440 9529 janejimyoung@slingshot.co.nz
Hear how this ambitious landscape scale project is taking shape and why the area is important for conservation. Predator control has significantly increased and at the same time we have learnt more about the native species found within the forest.

Sun 27 Jan 9am ***Scientific Fishing in the Fleming River*** **Franny Cunninghame**
Meet: Papatowai Fire Station (9am) or Lenz Reserve carpark 614 Chaslands Highway (9:15am)
Organiser: Franny 022 6581349 F.Cunninghame@forestandbird.org.nz
The Fleming River is home to several threatened fish species – we've only just found out that some of them are here. Come along to help us check a fish trap and see these special NZ native species before we release them back into the river.

Thurs 31 Jan 7.30–9pm ***NZ Bats – film & talk*** **9:20pm** ***Catlins bat spotting*** **Catriona Gower**
Meet: Papatowai Fire Station **Organiser:** Catriona 0223 914698 catlinsbats@gmail.com
Film night and a talk about NZ bats, followed by bat spotting further up the valley (car pooling) if weather permits. Wear warm clothes and bring a torch if coming on the 'walk' (we don't walk far: bring a chair if you like!).

Fri 01 Feb 10am ***Mohua at the Wisp*** **Fergus Sutherland**
Meet: Owaka Museum to car pool/get directions **Organiser:** Fergus 03 415 8602 fergusutherland@icloud.com
Fergus will lead an exploration along the top end of the Catlins River Walk to view life in the beech forest, especially the endangered mohua (yellowhead). Approx 3 hours – bring binoculars if you have them and lunch.

Sat 02 Feb 12–2pm ***Practical penguin conservation*** **Mel Young**
Meet: Rock monument area above the Nuggets car park
Organiser: Jim Young 03 415 8532/027 440 9529 janejimyoung@slingshot.co.nz
Talk to researcher Mel Young about yellow-eyed penguin biology and conservation, while painting yellow-eyed penguin decoys and building nest boxes for blue penguins. All materials and equipment provided.

Sat 02 Feb 7:30pm ***What's for Dinner? – Cameras on Yellow-eyed Penguins*** **Thomas Mattern**
Meet: Kaka Point Community Hall **Organiser:** Jim Young 03 415 8532/027 440 9529 janejimyoung@slingshot.co.nz
Penguin researcher Thomas Mattern shows how we can use new animal-borne cameras to discover what Yellow-eyed Penguins do at sea, and what foraging conditions they encounter.