



# Forest & Bird

TE REO O TE TAIAO | *Giving Nature a Voice*

## PROGRAMME FEBURARY - JUNE 2019

Talks are held on the **2nd Wednesday** of the month at **Tahunanui School Hall, Muritai Street, Tahunanui at 7.30pm**. Contributions for **sales table and raffle** are most welcome. Gold coin donation towards hall hire please.

<b>Feb</b>	<b>13</b>	Dr Philip Simpson "Down the Bay in Abel Tasman National Park"
	<b>23</b>	Pearl Creek Working Bee - 8:30 am to midday
	<b>24</b>	Ronga Reserve Guided Evening Tour
<b>March</b>	<b>2-10</b>	Sea Week.
	<b>13</b>	Hannah and Liam - Waste Reduction Plastic in our oceans
<b>April</b>	<b>10</b>	Simon Moore - Molesworth
<b>May</b>	<b>8</b>	AGM followed by Rob Schuckard King Shag
<b>June</b>	<b>12</b>	David Melville - Sea birds

### FEBRUARY

#### Wednesday 13

#### **Down the Bay**

History, features and management in Abel Tasman National Park. Philip Simpson will outline human settlement and impacts in the park region, and highlight the work of Perrine Moncrieff in creating the park.

Learn about the main ecological features of the park, especially the factors that shape the biodiversity such as granite geology and weather. Philip will examine management issues relating to species conservation and recreation and the work of conservation agencies including Project

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#### Saturday 23

#### **Pearl Creek Working Bee - 8:30 am to midday**

Note: earlier start time to beat the heat of the day, we will finish earlier than usual.

Clearing emerging blackberry and convolvulus, plant releasing, track clearing and cutting back tree Lucerne where it is blocking new plants. Meet at the end of Cotterell Rd. Bring gardening gloves, weeding tools, grubber, spade, loppers, secateurs, pruning saws if you have them.

#### Sunday 24 Ronga Reserve Guided Evening Tour 5pm - 7.30pm

Come along to the wee gem of Ronga Reserve for a guided explore, and learn about why it is considered one of the most special forests in our region. While the reserve is flat, you will be walking across rough ground so bring good walking shoes, insect repellent and sunscreen, and your picnic tea. Meet at the Brick Oven, Rai Valley, and we'll travel in convey to the reserve. For those who wish to, there will be a chance to do a small working bee, otherwise bring your togs for a swim! Bookings essential, contact Debs

[d.martin@forestandbird.org.nz](mailto:d.martin@forestandbird.org.nz).

## MARCH

**2 - 10**

### **Sea Week**

Have you had the experience of viewing the sea floor around our coast? This is Sea Week. Helping kids, mums dads, grandparents uncles and aunts enjoy the coast in Nelsons closest marine reserve. Forest and Bird, Port Nelson, Tasman Bay Guardians and DOC have all come together to provide a day of fun for all ages while learning about our fragile coastlines. Do you know how to do an MM<sup>2</sup> survey? Find out.

Where Cable Bay

When Saturday March 2nd

9.00 Guided Snorkelling (wet suits, masks and snorkels all provided, or bring your own).

11.30 Explore the rock pools as the tide recedes and leaves a host of tiny life forms caught in the pools



**Wednesday 13**

### **Waste**

Join Hannah and Liam, the Two No-Waste Nomads behind The Rubbish Trip, for an introduction to the practicalities and philosophy of zero waste living from two people who have been living without a rubbish bin for over 4 years! Expect a dynamic presentation covering information about New Zealand's waste situation, examples of international policy approaches to waste reduction and how these could be applied domestically and some handy hints and tips about how you can reduce your own rubbish at home and at work.

For more information about The Rubbish Trip, check out their website: [www.therubbishtrip.co.nz](http://www.therubbishtrip.co.nz)

## APRIL

**Wednesday 10**

### **Molesworth Simon Moore**

Vegetation monitoring on Molesworth dates back to 1944 when Lucy Moore established early photo points. Since then, many attempts have been made to look at change over time on Molesworth using a variety of methods and motivated by a range of purposes. Within the last 30 years focus has come on the effects of cattle grazing on indigenous vegetation. Simon will provide an overview of the most recent results and talk about longer-term trends, as well as discussing some of the inherent difficulties in monitoring over such a vast landscape.





## **MAY**

### **Wednesday 8**

#### **AGM & The King Shag**

Come along to a pot luck dinner at 6pm (bring a plate, mains or dessert, something to eat off and something to eat with.) and then attend the AGM at 7.30. Afterwards listen to Rob Schuckard speak on the King Shag.

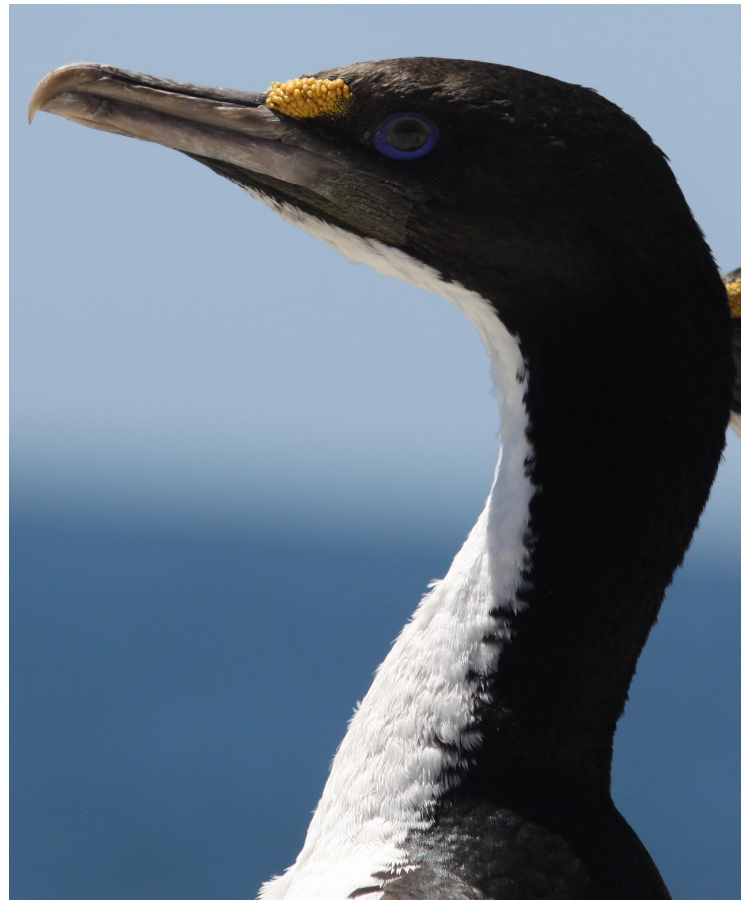
The King Shag is one of six species of blue-eyed shags which breed in New Zealand. All have relatively small populations and are classified as either “vulnerable” or “critically endangered”.

## **JUNE**

### **Wednesday 12**

#### **Sea Birds**

'Flying into an uncertain future' a presentation by David Melville. David has, for most of his life, worked to ensure the needs of waders and other coastal bird, both migratory and local, are adequately looked after by councils and governments in their decision making. In recent years David has worked with Chinese authorities to stop in-filling of shorelines in the Yellow Sea where thousands of migratory birds feed on their flights to Alaska and Siberia where they breed.



## Regional Manager's Roving Report

Happy 2019 everyone and what a hot one to start the year off. It reminds us all that the effects of climate change and increasing heatwaves are increasingly felt. I've spent the summer closely watching our bat survey work, and had the fortune to hold one in my hand for the first time in late January - what an amazing moment that was. But with the warmer days, it's really important that we remember that wildlife and plants will be suffering the effects of long hot days, dry winds, and no rain! Where you can, please make water available (away from cats), and keep your eyes out for stressed animals. I'm kicking this year off with a very busy schedule of meetings around the development of the New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy, and have been buoyed by the interest shown by local people - with 60 turning up to a meeting in Richmond on the 25th January. You can contribute to this very important

conversation at <https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/have-your-say/all-consultations/2018/new-zealand-biodiversity-strategy/> with submissions closing at the end of February. At this stage it is a very broad scoping exercise, so your big picture thinking is appreciated, as well as your intimate knowledge of local issues.

The Board have recently approved our Operational Plan for 2019, and over the next while you'll see activity from zero-by-catch marine campaigns, through to support for the 1080 work in the beech mast year, and engagement with the no new mines on public conservation land campaign. Keep your eyes peeled, and your pen poised for opportunities to get involved and give nature the voice it deserves.

Thanks for all your ongoing support,  
Debs



[Your views on the next New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy: Consultations 2018 - doc.govt.nz](https://www.doc.govt.nz/get-involved/have-your-say/all-consultations/2018/new-zealand-biodiversity-strategy/)

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Have your say on how Aotearoa's nature will be protected over the next 50 years. Submissions close 28 February 2019. Biodiversity is the variety of all living things and ecosystems. It includes plants, animals, fungi and micro-organisms as well as the ecosystems (on land or in water) where they ...

Paramatta Flats  
May 2012



Paramatta Flats  
April 2018



## Forest and Bird 2019 Native Plantings

Riparian Pioneer planting along the Whakapuaka river at Paremata Flats Reserve will continue this year, Forest and Bird (F&B) in conjunction with Nelson City Council have around 6000 pioneer plants to get in

the ground along with around 600 canopy trees provided by F&B to be placed within existing pioneer plantings.

Further to F&B planting programme this year we are working with the American owners of a unique property at Appleby where we plan to assist them in getting in around 1800 plants, further details on this project closer to the time.

Planting will commence late March early April subject to adequate rains, keep updated via F&B website or Paremata Flats Reserve Website [www.paremataflats.co.nz](http://www.paremataflats.co.nz), or contact Ian Price [ian.price@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ian.price@xtra.co.nz)

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**Note :** February 13 Dr Philip Simpson's book "Down the Bay" is available at bookshops in Nelson for \$79.99, If you have a copy, bring it along to the talk and Philip will be pleased to sign it.

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