

EVENTS PROGRAMME

JUNE - NOVEMBER 2019



INDOOR MEETINGS

Indoor meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 5:30 pm in Room 215, 2nd floor Zoology Benham Building, 346 Great King St, Dunedin (unless otherwise stated). Please be on time as we have to hold the door open to let people in.

For more information about upcoming events, please visit www.forestandbird.org.nz/dunedin/events

What does the mega-mast mean for our wildlife?

Tuesday 16 July 2019, 7pm, Alexander McMillan Room, Dunedin Community House, 301 Moray Place

This year our native forests are faced with a mega-mast. But what does that mean for our native wildlife? Kevin Hackwell, Forest & Bird's Chief Conservation Advisor, will be speaking about the 2019 mega-mast and what can be done to reduce its impact on our native wildlife and wild places.

Saving the Southern Ocean

Tuesday 20 August 2019, 5:30pm

The Southern Ocean surrounding Antarctica is the last wilderness on earth. Home to nearly 10,000, it makes up 10% of the world's ocean. Kimberley Collins, who works for the Antarctic and Southern Ocean Coalition, will talk about the campaign for increased marine protection in the area and her work with the international Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources.

A new species of stone-fly for Dunedin

Tuesday 17 September 2019, 5:30pm

Earlier this year, scientists discovered a new species of stonefly in the Maungatua Ranges near Dunedin. Brodie Foster, a PhD candidate at the University of Otago, will talk about this exciting find and how it fits into his Marsden-funded research exploring the evolution of wing loss in New Zealand's alpine stoneflies.

Mammals in the Mackenzie Basin

Tuesday 15 October 2019, 5:30pm

Nick Foster is a PhD student undertaking research in the Mackenzie Basin as a part of the Te Manahuna Aoraki project. He is exploring the distribution of invasive small mammal species across an altitudinal gradient to gain a better understanding of where to proportion control efforts, and to begin exploring the utility of high elevation landscapes as barriers to invasive small mammal species.

Spotting Otago Skinks with citizen science

Tuesday 19 November 2019, 5:30pm

Many people won't ever see an Otago Skink in the wild, but a new global citizen science project aims to change that by asking people to identify the threatened lizards from 750,000 time-lapse photos. Jo Virens, a PhD candidate at the University of Otago, will talk about his research on the thermal ecology of skinks in Otago, how they might be affected by climate change, and how members of the public can contribute to the conservation of skinks from home.

FIELD TRIPS

Waikouaiti Wildlings Working Bee

Sunday 14 July, 2019 10:30am, Inverary St side of lagoon in Waikouaiti.

After liaising with the Hawkesbury Lagoon Society and with permission now obtained from DOC, we are in a position to attack the boxthorn weeds (*Lycium ferocissimum*) on the northern boundary of the Hawkesbury Lagoon. We will chop down boxthorn and pack cut pieces into wool fadges, for removal from the site. Please bring leather gloves, loppers, safety glasses or goggles, tough clothing, a wide brimmed hat, a grubber for pulling plants out by the roots. Enquiries to Paul Smale (txt 027 384 5738).

Prion Fence Maintenance

Saturday 27 July 2019, 10am, Fairy Prion Fence.

We will do maintenance on the ground and surroundings of the fairy prion fence at St Clair Cliffs. Meet on site, but transport can be provided. RSVP to Graeme Loh (021 132 2436).

Moore's Bush Planting Day

Sunday 4 August 2019, 1pm - 3pm, Moore's Bush Reserve.

We have been working hard to remove blackberry, broom and Himalayan honeysuckle. It is now time to re-plant the area, in conjunction with KCC, Students for Environmental Action, and anyone else who wants to help. Postponement day is Sunday 11 August. Transport can be provided. Enquiries to Francie Beggs (fbeggs3@gmail.com or 03 453 6188).

Pelagic Seabird Trip

Sunday 18 August 2019, 9am, meet at the Botany Department carpark.

Cost will be a share of the boat charter, price to be confirmed. RSVP to Graeme Loh (021 132 2436)

Manuherikia Headwaters Pine Hunt

Saturday 14 September 2019, 8am, meet at the Botany Department carpark.

We will roam around the tussock reserves, up-rooting and cutting wildings before they seed. Option to stay overnight and check for the return of river bed wading birds such as dotterel and South Island pied oystercatchers. Transport can be provided. RSVP to Graeme Loh (021 132 2436).

Lenz 50th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday 21 September, 1pm - 4pm, Catlins Forest Cabins Tautuku.

Celebrate 50 years of restoration at the Lenz reserve with walks, talks, and films about the reserve and its conservation projects. Afternoon tea included. RSVP to catlinsyep@yrless.co.nz.

Rock Pool Exploration and Marine Reserves

Sunday 29 September, 9am, meet at the Botany Department carpark.

Explore the life living in rock pools during the big low tide at one of the sites proposed for marine protection. RSVP to Graeme Loh (021 132 2436).

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