

EVENTS PROGRAMME

JANUARY - MAY 2020



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

Annual general meeting followed by an update on what's next for Predator Free Dunedin.

Tuesday 17 March, 5:30pm

Enjoy some nibbles and drinks at our annual general meeting. Please bring a gold-coin donation.

This will be followed with a presentation from Predator Free Dunedin about their latest project to support resident-led predator control throughout Dunedin's urban and city area.

Nominations for the Branch committee (chairperson, deputy chairperson, secretary, treasurer and committee members) are welcome and should be sent to dunedin.branch@forestandbird.org.nz no later than March 10th. Nominations may also be posted to Forest & Bird Dunedin Branch, PO Box 5793, Dunedin 9054.

New generation insecticides and freshwater invertebrates

Tuesday 21 April, 7pm

We'll hear from Sam Macaulay who has recently completed his PhD at the University of Otago on the ecological effects of neonicotinoid insecticides on New Zealand's running freshwater ecosystems.

An update on the New Zealand Bird Atlas

Tuesday 19 May, 7pm

Mary Thompson and Bruce McKinlay from Birds NZ will introduce the project, talk about the findings so far, and explain how you can be involved. During the next five years the task is to carry out at least one bird survey each season within each major habitat in every 100 km square grid over the whole of NZ. Anyone who can identify birds can take part and record observations via the eBird Atlas online database. The data gathered will be used for conservation planning for decades to come.

FIELD TRIPS

The meeting point for all field trips is in the Botany Department carpark, on the corner of Great King and Union Streets at 9am (unless otherwise stated).

Rocklands Gorge

Sunday 8 March, 9am start

We will travel about an hour and a half from Dunedin to a carpark near the Old Dunstan Road and walk to a weir on the eastern edge of the Lammermoor Range (an hour's easy walk each way).

The weir is one of Dunedin's water supply sources, drawing from a catchment of around 3700ha of subalpine tussock grassland country, which fortunately escaped the 5000ha fire nearby.

In the gorge there are spectacular views, and a range of dryland and subalpine plants such as *Melicytus* and *Corokia*, some of which will be in berry.

Trip leader: Paul Smale, text or phone 027 384 5738.

Post-fire regeneration, Black Rock Scientific Reserve

Sunday 19 April, 9am start, weather permitting.

We will travel about an hour and 15 minutes from Dunedin to a locked gate on the Eldorado Track off Mahinerangi Road and walk to the old gold diggings beside Deep Stream on the eastern edge of the Lammerlaw Range (about two hour's walk each way), observing regeneration in the tussock grassland.

This area was part of the 5000 ha block burnt by the "Middlemarch" fire (which is actually some considerable distance from Middlemarch).

Trip leader: Paul Smale, text or phone 027 384 5738.

Post-fire regeneration, Flagstaff.

Sunday 17 May, 10am, meet at the Bull Ring carpark on Flagstaff-Whare Flat Road.

An easy walk to explore regeneration after the September 2019 tussock fire.

Trip leader: Paul Smale, text or phone 027 384 5738.

STAY IN TOUCH...

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The branch committee meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 7pm at the Valley Project (262 North Road).