

AUGUST 2020

Hello

As you are aware F&B Manawatū Branch Annual General Meeting was cancelled in April because of Covid-19. We are now holding our AGM on Tuesday 11th August, 2020 at 7.15 p.m. at the PNCC Library.

We sent the AGM Documents to the current F&B Manawatū members, but if you are a F&B Manawatū member and did not receive them, please email <u>manawatu.branch@forestandbird.org.nz</u> and we will send them to you. Also, as we did last year, we will not be printing any of our AGM documents. There will be a copy on the Notice Boards at the AGM. If you wish for your own copy, we request you print them for yourselves.

Please note, due to the room changes at the Library, the regular space for our meetings is now on the Mezzanine Level – where the newspapers were held. This area is just inside the main entrance of the Library. If you go up the ramp/steps from either the Square or George Street, you will find the main entrance to the Library and our meeting room is on the immediate right.

Lastly – this is an advanced notice about our September Monthly Meeting. Just for September, we have swapped our Monthly Meeting with the Royal Society Manawatū. Our September meeting will be held on Tuesday, 15th September at 7.30 p.m.

We will return from October holding our meeting on the second Tuesday of the month – Tuesday 13th October, 2020

August 2020 Monthly talk Tuesday 11th August 2020 @ 7:15 p.m. (PLEASE NOTE EARLIER START TIME) Followed by our Monthly talk shortly after 7.30 p.m.

Palmerston North City Library, Mezzanine Level (main Library entrance), Palmerston North (access up the ramp/steps from The Square or George Street **PLEASE NOTE THE ROOM CHANGE**

Talk: "Secret sex lives of stick insects"

Speaker: Mary Morgan-Richards, Professor in Wildlife Evolution/Mother of Ted & Bee Massey University



A green female stick insect from the UK mates with a NZ male. The background has been cleared for clarity.

Mary will talk about one New Zealand stick insect species (*Clitarchus hookeri*) – focusing on their sex life (or lack of it) but also covering life history and distribution and our work investigating the population that escaped to the UK (Isles of Scilly).

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated If you would like to stay in touch, please sign up to our Mailing list on our website: <u>www.naturesvoicemanawatu.org.nz</u>

> For more information about Forest & Bird go to: <u>www.forestandbird.org.nz</u>

If you, or anyone you know, would like to put your hand up for any of the positions listed below to serve either on, or off, the 2020-21 Committee. Please email Anthea at <u>manawatu.branch@forestandbird.org.nz</u> by 10th August, 2020

** The 2019-20 Committee Members have indicated they will put their name forward to carry on for the 2020-21Committee

- Chairperson
- Corresponding Secretary**
- Minute Secretary **
- Events Coordinator**
- Publicity & Communications Coordinator**
- Newsletter Editor
- Working Party Coordinator
- Treasurer**
- Advocacy**
- Health & Safety**
- Trips**
- Webmaster**
- Programme Coordinator**

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Write the monthly newsletter in liaison with the Chair & Secretary Arrange for it to be put on the Branch's websites

WORKING PARTY COORDINATOR

Organise working parties for the Branch and help find volunteers for project

Please let me know if you are interested in helping the F&B Manawatū Committee, please email me at <u>manawatu.branch@forestandbird.org.nz</u>

Forest and Bird 2021 Calendars and Diary

We were advised that due to Covid-19 the printer delayed printing the F&B calendars & diaries. They will now be on sale from our September, 2020 Monthly Meeting. If you would like to receive a calendar and/or diary prior to the September meeting, please email <u>manawatu.branch@forestandbird.org.nz</u> with your order, and we will contact you regarding collection. We only accept cash or payment through internet banking – no cheques. The price is unchanged – the same as last year.





New Zealand Conservation Calendar 2021



F&B Branches Retail Price

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New Zealand Conservation Diary 2021



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Every week brings a new photograph of our unique landscapes, plants and wildlife. This quality week-to-view diary features public holidays, and a lay-flat spiral binding.

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Tue 11 Aug

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Speaker: Mary Morgan-Richards, Professor in Wildlife Evolution

CONSERVATION WEEK Saturday 15th- Sunday 23rd August, 2020

Tue 15 Sept NB. Date Change

Talk: "NZ Oiled Wildlife Response, Wildbase, Massey University" Speaker: Dr. Louise Chilvers, Professor of Wildlife Ecology & Director of Oiled Wildlife Response

Tue 13 Oct

Talk: "Mysterious Beaked Whales" Speaker: Keith Beautrais, Whanganui

Tue 10 Nov

Talk: "The science behind the conservation of New Zealand orchids" Speaker: Carlos Lehnebach, Curator Botany, Te Papa

Tue 8 Dec

Talk: To be advised Speaker:

Branch Monthly Meetings: @ 7.30 p.m.

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All visitors welcome Your gold coin donation at meetings is appreciated

F&B 2020 NORTH ISLAND GATHERING

The F&B Napier branch is delighted to announce that <u>REGISTRATIONS</u> <u>ARE NOW OPEN</u> for the 2020 North Island Gathering

When: Saturday 7 November - Sunday 8 November 2020
Where: Kennedy Park, 11 Storkey Street, Napier
Who: North Island Forest & Bird members and Forest & Bird Youth
You can find more information about the event and Register to attend here

Estuaries and Wetlands - Ngā wairepo me ngā whanga

The theme chosen for this year's North Island Gathering reflects the importance of these special areas for biodiversity, water quality, climate change mitigation, and flooding and storm protection. The Napier branch, which is hosting this year's Gathering, has been involved in protection and restoration of local estuaries and wetlands for many decades.

The Programme

A great programme of speakers and workshops centred around the theme, as well as opportunities to catch up with fellow Forest and Bird members is currently being developed. Expect to hear from some of the most prominent designers of wetlands in Hawke's Bay as well as experts on the challenges of protecting the Ahuriri Estuary.



Talk: New Zealand's Oiled Wildlife Response, Wildbase, Massey University

Speaker: Dr. Louise Chilvers, Professor of Wildlife Ecology & Director of Oiled Wildlife Response



Our job in the Wildbase Oiled Wildlife Response Team is "...to avoid, mitigate or remedy any detrimental impacts on wildlife during an oil pollution response." This talk discusses why we response, how we respond, and the long-term research results from wildlife cleaned, rehabilitated, and returned to the wild after the Tauranga MV Rena oil spill in 2011.

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