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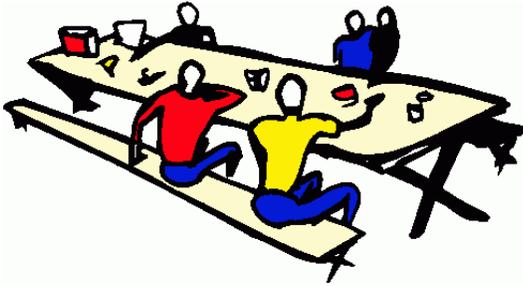
Spring Picnic

**Thursday, May 16, 2018 at 6 p.m.
Stoffel's Acreage**

Join us at Stoffels' acreage located just N.W. of the city. Bring your own picnic supper and a lawn chair (if possible). A barbecue will be set up. We will also walk the property in search of grassland birds.

Drive north on Idylwyld and take highway 12 towards Martensville. After traversing the highway 12 overpass, turn left at the first grid road (380) and drive 1 mile west.

Leader: Marten Stoffel (306-230-9291)



May 21 - 26 2019

NatureCity Festival

NatureCity Festival is a week-long festival featuring 60+ events hosted by +50 organizations to help you discover, explore and experience nature in Saskatoon!

For more information, see field trip info page 3, keynote speaker info page 7, and check out the website: <https://wildaboutsaskatoon.org/>

Field Trips

Everyone is welcome to participate in most field trips unless restrictions are specified. Bring your friends. Carpooling for out-of-town trips is arranged at the meeting place; there is no charge other than to share gasoline costs. Phone the trip leader if you have any questions. Participants are free to depart early if they wish. Members with FRS radios should bring them on out of town trips. Check our website at <https://saskatoonnature.org> for last minute changes or cancellations and to download checklists. Bus information: 306-975-3100. For trips departing from Centre Mall, any cars left behind after carpooling should be moved to the adjacent street.

Many of our trip destinations are described in the 3rd edition of "A Guide to Nature Viewing Sites in and around Saskatoon" available from <https://saskatoonnature.org/special-publications/>

Friday, May 3 & 10 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Birding by Ear Workshops

This indoor workshop will focus on techniques for learning common bird songs found in the Saskatoon area. It will be particularly useful for volunteers planning to do point counts for the Breeding Bird Atlas Project. Bring your field guides and download the free Merlin app on your smartphone.

Meet in Room 130 Physics building, U of S campus. In case of room change, check workshop section of:

<https://.saskatoonnature.org> website.

Advance registration required at

https://birding_by_ear.eventbrite.ca

Leaders: John Patterson (306-249-0468), Janine McManus, Lee Ann Latremouille, and Stan Shadick

Saturday, May 4, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Waterfowl viewing trip to Porter Lake

Porter Lake is a large lake south of Aberdeen that has been home for large numbers of night-herons, ducks,

grebes, cormorants and other water birds in recent years. Due to flooding, the grid road has been closed at the lake making it an excellent bird viewing location. Bring a hat and water to drink.

Meet in Centre Mall parking lot south of Burger King BETWEEN Acadia and Moss on south side of 8th St.

<https://goo.gl/maps/rrb68Pa8zxN2>

Bus: Route 81 Centre Mall departs university terminal at 8:38 AM and arrives at Centre Mall terminal at 8:53 AM. Route 8 (84) 8th St departs downtown terminal at 8:16 AM and arrives at Centre Mall terminal at 8:35 AM.

Walk to meeting location on north side of mall.

If possible, register in advance at <https://saskatoonnature.org>

Leader: John Patterson (306-371-9354)

President's Message

NatureCity Festival is a chance for various nature and environmental groups and organizations throughout Saskatoon to come together to educate, celebrate, and enjoy the nature we have access to in and around Saskatoon. This year's theme is "I spy with my wild eye...".

The Saskatoon Nature Society is involved in this important event through volunteering, organizing field trips, and funding a portion of the education programming. This year, SNS field trips include the warbler walk in Factoria, the firefly hike, the Spring Bird Count, and one of our May MVA trail bird walks. After many members have sharpened their bird identifying skills at our beginner and intermediate birding workshops, and/or the birding by ear workshop, you can head to Factoria on May 21 for the evening warbler walk, led by Michael Williams and Stan Shadick, to see and hear birds such as the Tennessee, Orange-Crowned, and Yellow warbler, as well as the American Redstart.

On the Friday night of NatureCity Festival, join Marten Stoffel and Renny Grilz for a glance at the nightlife in the NE Swale. We will hike the area and gain some understanding of this biodiverse ecosystem, until dark, when we will hopefully be graced with a mini light show of fireflies! There will also be telescopes set up by local members of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada to explore our night sky. Get a good sleep, as the Spring Bird Count starts bright and early on Saturday morning. Register on our website: saskatoonnature.org/scheduled-trips. Every level of birder is welcome. Finally, on the last

day of the festival, enjoy an early morning birding walk by the river with Audrey and Bill MacKenzie.

Between our field trips, make sure to attend the keynote speaker event on Wednesday, May 22 at 7:00 pm for *Saskatoon: Where the Wild Things Are*, "a gala evening of inspiration, insights and surprises as we go wild with special guest Dr. Maureen Murray". Additional Nature City Festival information and events can be found at wildaboutsaskatoon.org.

The theme of this year's festival is especially significant as our city is currently undergoing various development and growth plans. It is becoming increasingly important for local environmental and nature organizations to work together and have our opinions heard and considered by the City and other stakeholders. I would like to encourage our members to write to, speak with, and engage with their local representatives and community regarding issues concerning the conservation and education of nature in and around Saskatoon.

On a separate note, but keeping education in mind, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to Peter Flood, who has organized our speakers for the past twelve years. Peter has provided us with a wide range of topics and speakers, keeping us engaged and always trying to find new and relevant presentations. Thank you Peter.

Sara Bryson

Field Trips continued

Sunday, May 5, 7:00 AM - 9:30 AM

MVA trail Bird Walk

We plan to walk the trail adjacent to campus and look for birds along the riverbank. Dress warmly.

Meet at the parking lot north of the Diefenbaker Centre on campus. <https://goo.gl/maps/zHwUDMvzpfu>

If possible, register in advance at

<https://saskatoonnature.org>

Leader: Michael Williams (306-242-5383).

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Saturday, May 11, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Waterfowl viewing trip to Brightwater Marsh and Blackstrap

Join us on World Migratory Bird Day as we drive to Blackstrap Lake and Brightwater marsh (near Dundurn) in

search of ducks and geese and other water-birds. Bring a lunch.

Meet in Centre Mall parking lot south of Burger King BETWEEN Acadia and Moss on south side of 8th St.

<https://goo.gl/maps/rrb68Pa8zxN2>

Bus: Route 81 Centre Mall departs university terminal at 8:38 AM and arrives at Centre Mall terminal at 8:53 AM. Route 8 (84) 8th St departs downtown terminal at 8:16 AM and arrives at Centre Mall terminal at 8:35 AM. Walk to meeting location on north side of mall.

Leader: Bob Godwin (306-343-8590).

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Sunday, May 12, 7:00 AM - 9:30 AM

MVA Trail Bird Walk

We plan to walk the trail adjacent to campus and look for birds along the riverbank. Dress warmly. We welcome visitors from a National Environmental conference.

Meet at the parking lot north of the Diefenbaker Centre on campus. <https://goo.gl/maps/zHwUDMvzpFu>

If possible, register in advance at

<https://saskatoonnature.org>

Leader: Hilda Voth (306-242-0198)

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Thursday, May 16, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Spring Picnic at Stoffel acreage

Bring your own picnic supper and a lawn chair (if possible). A barbecue will be set up.

We will walk the property in search of grassland birds.

Driving Directions: Drive north on Idylwyld and take highway 12 towards Martensville. After traversing the highway 12 overpass, turn left at the first grid road (380) and drive 1 mile west.

<https://goo.gl/maps/93JLXbpgJ4R2>

Leader: Marten Stoffel (306-230-9291)

Saturday, May 18, 8:15 AM -9:00 PM

Quill Lakes Birding

Members-only field trip. We will drive about 200 km SE of Saskatoon to the Wynyard area and search for egrets and herons and other waterfowl near the Quill Lakes. We may walk some of the closed roads. Bring a hat, plenty of water and a lunch. We may stop for a late pizza supper on the way home. Participants may leave early if they wish.

Meet by the grain elevator at the Western Development Museum parking lot on Lorne Ave.

<https://goo.gl/maps/3j1KTNfasmC2>

Bus: Route 1 Exhibition departs downtown terminal at

7:31 AM and arrives at museum stop on Lorne Ave about 7:55 AM.

If possible, register in advance at <https://saskatoonnature.org>

Leader: Stan Shadick (306-652-5975).

Sunday, May 19, 7:00 AM - 9:30 AM

MVA trail Bird Walk

We plan to walk the trail adjacent to campus and look for birds along the riverbank. Dress warmly.

Meet at the parking lot north of the Diefenbaker Centre on campus. <https://goo.gl/maps/zHwUDMvzpFu>

Leader: Hilda Noton (306-374-0674)

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Monday, May 20, 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Hyde Park Birding

We will hike the trails in this park looking for marsh birds.

Meet at parking lot on south side of Slimmon Road, east of Boychuk Drive. See map at

<https://goo.gl/maps/rr5iKRbJzCB2>

Bus: Route 55 Lakeridge departs U of S terminal at 12:56 pm and arrives on Slimmon Road east of Boychuk about 1:20 pm.

If possible, register in advance at <https://saskatoonnature.org>

Leader: Alice Hiller (text: 306-381-7271)

Nature City Festival Events May 21 – 26:



Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Factoria Riverbank Warbler Walk

We will walk the wooded riverbank in search of migrant warblers and other songbirds. Try out your citizen science skills by using e-bird to record your sightings. Bring appropriate clothing for the weather including good footwear for walking on slopes and damp trails.

Meet at the east end of Adilman Drive.

See <https://goo.gl/maps/2sf375hBokB2>

Bus: Route 35 Silverwood Heights departs downtown terminal at 6:16 PM and arrives at Adilman Drive and Silverwood Road at 6:45 PM. Walk 3 blocks east to meeting location.

Leaders: Michael Williams (306-242-5383) and Stan Shadick (306-652-5975).

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 **Friday, May 24, 9:30 PM – 11:00 PM**
Firefly Night Hike at NE Swale.

Experience Sunset and Nightfall at the swale. We will listen for the calls of any night birds and watch for fireflies (weather permitting). RASC members will set up telescopes for public viewing.

Meet at the swale on Lowe Road. Drive north on Central Ave, turn right on Fedoruk Drive (or Agra Road), turn left onto Lowe Road; NE Swale is next to the slough on the east side of road before reaching the Saskatoon Wildlife Federation building.

See map at <https://goo.gl/maps/NYTuitmQMgy>

No Bus service.

Register in advance at saskatoonnature.org website.

Leaders: Marten Stoffel (306-230-9291) and Renny Grilz (306-262-4970).

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 **Saturday, May 25, all day**
Spring Bird Count

Participants are needed to help us survey the bird populations in the city and surrounding natural regions during the peak of spring migration. Novices are welcome and will be assigned to an experienced team leader.

Duration of count varies for different teams.

Register in advance at saskatoonnature.org website.

Phone Stan Shadick with any questions.

Organizer: Stan Shadick (306-652-5975)

Compiler: John Patterson

 **Sunday, May 26, 7:00 AM - 9:30 AM**
MVA trail Bird Walk
e-bird Global Big Day

We plan to walk the trail adjacent to campus and look for birds along the riverbank. Dress warmly.

Meet at the parking lot north of the Diefenbaker Centre on campus. <https://goo.gl/maps/zHwUDMvzpFu>

Leader: Audrey and Bill MacKenzie (306-373-2872)

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Tuesday, May 28, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Lakewood Pop-up Naturalist Event

Bring your scope and help us show birds to passersby on the park trails. Dress for the weather.

Meet at the north end of the gravel parking on the east side of the Lakewood civic centre buildings off Heritage Crescent. <https://goo.gl/maps/dVeaWAQ3qd62>

Leaders: Andrew Elgin (306-250-2243) and John Patterson.

Saturday, June 8, 4:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Dundurn Pasture Birding

Members-only event. Saskatoon Nature Society members have been given special permission to access parts of the Dundurn Community Pasture on foot to search for breeding birds in this mixed grassland and woodland habitat. We may also visit Proctor Lake. If the weather is poor, we may postpone trip to June 9.

Register in advance at <https://saskatoonnature.org> to be advised of any changes to plans.

Meet by the grain elevator at the Western Development Museum parking lot on Lorne Ave.

<https://goo.gl/maps/3j1KTNfasmC2>

Leader: Janine McManus (text: 647-390-6645)

Wednesdays, June 12 and 19
Invasive Plants of the Meewasin Valley
Identification Workshop

Wed. June 12 – 7:00 PM to 9:15 PM

Classroom Session at Meewasin Valley Authority Administrative Building (402 3rd Ave North)

Wed. June 19 – 6:45 PM to 9:00 PM

Outdoor Session at Gabriel Dumont Park

Learn about the different invasive species being found along the South Saskatchewan River valley. At the classroom session you will learn about the definition of weeds, invasive species, and noxious weeds, the Saskatchewan Weed Control Act and how to identify some of the common invasive plants in the Saskatoon Region. Attendees will be provided with fact sheets, booklets and other material about invasive plants. The outdoor session will be a walk along the Meewasin Trail through Gabriel Dumont Park, identifying various invasive plant species along the trail and river. Discussion in the field will also be on control techniques and how to report an invasive plant species.

Register in advance at <https://saskatoonnature.org>

Leaders: Renny Grilz (306-262-4970)– Meewasin; Sara Bryson – Saskatoon Nature Society and Kerry Lowndes – South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards.

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June 14 – 16
Nature Saskatchewan Spring Meet at Eastend
Information at www.naturesask.ca

Tuesday, June 18, 6:45 PM – 8:30 PM

Restoring 71 Bird and Plant Hike

Members only. The Restoring 71 Project is a habitat conservation initiative operated by Aaron and Katie Suek on their acreage near Grandora SK. Over 1 km of mowed trails provide access to a variety of habitat patches including wetland, mature woodland, shrubs, and open grassland. This oasis is home to 87 wildlife species and 33 native plant species. Wildlife species include loggerhead shrike, common nighthawk, Canadian toad, tiger salamander and a handful of other species of conservation concern.

Register in advance at <https://saskatoonnature.org>

Meet at NW corner of the intersection of 22nd St W at Witney Avenue. Carpools will be arranged from that location. <https://goo.gl/maps/iMBLYjTDaHC2>
Directions to property will be emailed to registered participants.

Bus: Route 60 Confederation departs University terminal at 6:05 pm, City Centre at 6:15 pm and arrives near meeting point at about 6:30 pm.

Leaders: Alice Hiller (text: 306-381-7271) and Renny Grilz (306-262-4970).

Wednesday, June 26, 7:15 PM – 8:30 PM

May Haga Memorial Bird Walk

Donna Birkmaier Park

We will walk the trails in this park that were some of May Haga's favourite areas to explore.

Meet at the main parking lot on the north side of Taylor Street at Slimmon Road. <https://goo.gl/maps/qyeo7CJbcDr>

Bus: Route 8/86 Rosewood departs Centre mall terminal at 6:55 pm and arrives at Taylor and Slimmon Road about 7:05 PM.

Leader: Robert Johanson (306-653-2610)

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Monday, July 1, 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM

Wild Orchids field trip

Members only field trip. We will drive to the Nisbet forest (north of Duck Lake) and look for lady-slippers and other wild orchids. Bring lunch, mosquito repellent and rubber boots.

Meet at south-west corner of the Lawson Heights' Mall parking lot

Bus: Route 30 Lawson Heights departs downtown terminal at 8:46 AM and arrives at Lawson terminal at 9:05 AM. Walk to SW corner of parking lot.

Leader: Bob Godwin (306-343-8590)

Saturday, July 6, 8:45 AM - ?

North American Butterfly Count

Download checklist from saskatoonnature.org website. If raining, count will be postponed to July 7.

Meet in Centre Mall parking lot south of Burger King BETWEEN Acadia and Moss on south side of 8th St. We will try to arrange car pools sharing gas cost.

<https://goo.gl/maps/rrb68Pa8zxN2>

Bus: Route 8/84 (8th St) departs downtown at 8:16 AM and arrives at mall about 8:35 AM. Route 50 departs U of S at 8:25 AM and arrives on 8th next to mall about 8:35 AM. Walk to meeting location.

Leader: Juhachi Asai (306-373-1969)

LATER JULY OUTINGS. Please check <https://saskatoonnature.org/scheduled-trips/>

Young Naturalists

The Young Naturalists is all about nature activities for kids and their families. Each program offers interesting activities geared for children aged 5 to 11 years. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Enrolment is limited on most programs and often programs fill up over a month in advance, so register early. To register or for more information e-mail: saskatoonnaturekids@gmail.com.

Visit the Young Naturalists' website for detailed information about the upcoming programs or to check out our monthly NatureKids newsletter at <https://saskatoonzoosociety.ca/programs/young-naturalists/>

Upcoming Young Naturalists Programs:

Saturday, May 4 Pike Lake Field Trip
May 2019 (Date TBA) Great Horned Owl Field Trip
May 29-June 28 Bluebird Trail



Golden Eagles

The Golden Eagles, a sub-group of Saskatoon Nature Society, invites retirees and partners who are interested in birds and the natural world to join our field trips. Participants should be members of the Saskatoon Nature Society and consider membership in Nature Saskatchewan, our provincial affiliate. Bring lunch, drinks and chairs, unless otherwise noted. Members with CB or FRS radios should bring them on out-of-town trips.

Carpooling for out-of-town trips is usually arranged at the meeting place. Participants are expected to share gasoline costs and should make arrangements with the driver to do so. Unless indicated, there is no other charge. However, if a trip involves a guided tour of a facility, participants may be asked to make a donation to the facility.

Participants can depart early, if they wish. Phone trip leader if you have any questions. Dress for the weather. **Unless otherwise noted, we meet on Thursdays, at Churchill Shopping Center, Taylor Street East and Clarence Avenue.**

Thursday, May 2, 8:00

Porter Lake, water and marsh birds.

Meet at Churchill Shopping Center.

Picnic lunch in the area.

Leader: John Patterson & Val Martz (306-249-0468).

Thursday, May 9, 8:00 AM

Spring shorebirds at Perdue

Meet at Churchill Shopping Center.

Picnic lunch at Perdue campground.

Leader: Guy Wapple (306-249-3280).



American Avocet and Wilson's Phalarope
Bob Godwin

Thursday, May 16, 6:00 PM.

We will join SNS for the picnic – see page 1.

Thursday, May 23, 8:00 AM.

Warbler walk at Factoria on Meewasin trail (Silverwood Heights) (NVS P. 64)

Please meet at the south-west corner of Lawson Mall.

Note: the trail has elevation changes.

Picnic lunch at Meewasin Park, Spadina Crescent East.

Leader: Stan Shadick (306-652-5975).

Thursday, May 30, 7:30 AM.

South Sask.Valley and Riverlot Orchards Winery and Bistro in St. Louis

Meet at Churchill Shopping Center.

Leaders: Bill & Audrey MacKenzie (306-373-2872).

Thursday, June 6, 8:00 AM.

Chappell Marsh and Richard St. Barbe Baker Afforestation Area (NVS P.122)

Meet at Churchill Shopping Center.

Picnic lunch on site. Bring your own chairs.

Leader: Marten Stoffel (306-934-3769).

Thursday, June 13, 8:00 AM.

Turtles at Pike Lake with Max Abramson.

Meet at Churchill Shopping Center.

Picnic lunch at Pike Lake.

Leader: Hilda Noton (306-374-0674).

June 14-16

Spring meet at Eastend

Information at www.naturesask.ca

Thursday, June 20, 7:30 AM.

NCC Acreage near Maymont.

Meet at Churchill Shopping Center.

This is 350 acres of private property under an NCC conservation easement. It is a combination of aspen parklands, wetlands and valley slopes, with a variety of wildflowers contingent on moisture conditions.

Picnic lunch on the property.

Leader: Bob Armstrong. (306-343-1269).

Thursday, June 27, 8:30 AM.

Mark Thompson Park and Pioneer Cemetery (NVS P. 88)

Meet at Churchill Shopping Center.

Jeff O'Brien, Saskatoon historian, will join us.

Lunch at Western Development Museum.

Leader: Joan Feather (306-653-3160).

Help with Refreshments



Hilda Voth, who organizes our refreshments that we enjoy after each monthly meeting, would like some assistance starting in September. Please contact Hilda Voth at hvoth@sasktel.net or Sara Bryson at president@saskatoonnature.org for more information. Thank you.



Keynote: *Saskatoon: Where the Wild Things Are*

Come to the Broadway Theatre at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evening, May 22, for a gala evening of inspiration, insights and surprises as we go wild with special guest Dr. Maureen Murray of the Urban Wildlife Institute, Lincoln Park Zoo, Chicago. A rising star in the field of urban ecology, Murray earned her PhD at the University of Alberta with a path-breaking study on urban coyotes. Her focus is helping humans and wildlife coexist in cities, for the good of both people and animals.

For more information, see the field trips for May 21-26 and check out the website: <https://wildaboutsaskatoon.org/>

50 years of the Saskatoon Bluebird Trail

In 1942 Isabel Priestly founded the *Blue Jay*. This journal of natural history and conservation for Saskatchewan and adjacent areas continues to be published four times a year. Priestly was a strong promoter of the Junior Audubon Societies and she included a Junior Naturalists section in the *Blue Jay*. This gave youth the opportunity to share their interests and observations and contribute to our understanding of the natural world. One of the first conservation projects undertaken by these Junior Naturalists was the establishment of Bluebird Trails. Mountain Bluebirds were in decline due to changes in its habitat and introduced species such as the House Sparrow and Starling. One method of helping the bluebirds was to build nest boxes and place them out along a country road. The nest boxes are monitored and the population numbers are used by scientists to chart the population trends in the species.

In 1961 Jack Lane and his Brandon Junior Naturalists began the Prairie Bluebird Trail. Jack Lane's trail extended roughly from Winnipeg to Broadview. In 1963 Lone Scott, then a grade 10 student at Indian Head, connected his trail to Lane's. This extended the trail west to approximately Raymore. Then in 1968, 12 year-old Ray Bisha moved to Saskatoon from Brandon along with Mike and Rod Bantjes from Yorkton. The boys convinced Mary Houston and Stuart Houston (who, in 1942 was a grade 9 student and an active executive member of the fledgling Yorkton Natural History Society) to start a Junior Naturalists Society in Saskatoon. With Stuart and Mary Houston as the "adult advisors" the Saskatoon Junior Natural History Society began. Their conservation project was the Bluebird Trail. In 1969, inspired by success of Lorne Scott's trail, the Saskatoon Junior Naturalists built 270 birdhouses and created a trail over 200 km long to connect with Scott's trail at Raymore. Over the next few years the number of houses grew to 450 and connected with Jack Kargut's trail west of Saskatoon. The Prairie Bluebird Trail now extended from Winnipeg almost all the way to North Battleford. Mary Houston supervised and banded the birds along the Saskatoon portion of the trail. From 1969 to 1998 Mary banded over 6500 bluebirds. By the time she "retired" from the Bluebird Trail in 2009 the number grew to 8028 bluebirds banded. (Mary also banded Tree Swallows along the trail. The Birds of the Saskatoon Area indicates that she banded well over 15,000 Tree Swallows along the trail). Replicating Mary's energy and enthusiasm for the Bluebird Trail was not easy. It must be noted that it took four people to replace Mary (Melanie Elliott, Jan Shadick, Tim Haughian, and Greg Fenty) as the trail banders.

The Bluebird Trail remains a major activity of the Junior Naturalists. Today, the name has changed to the Young Naturalists and they continue to participate in a variety of nature activities. Greg Fenty and Kyron Giroux have taken on the task of banding bluebirds and Tree Swallows as part of the Young Naturalists program.

Many of the adults who have volunteered to co-ordinate the Junior Naturalists were once youth members of a nature society. They know future conservation requires the nurturing of children's curiosity with the natural world. Special thanks to the Houston's, Bruce Donovan, Nigel Caulkett, Ron Jensen, Robin Cohen, Ross Barclay, Bob Green, Guy Wapple, and Nancy Young for their dedication to the Junior Naturalists program over the past 50 years.

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Newsletter

The deadline for the July/Aug Newsletter is June 17. Please send any announcements or articles to Kathy Meeres. Please email: godmee@sasktel.net or call 306-343-8590. The publisher would appreciate if articles are complete and submitted electronically.

Please consider switching from a paper to electronic copy of the SNS newsletter. You can create a folder in your email system to save your back issues of the newsletters. You will help us save on paper, stamps, and volunteer time and you will get information more quickly and get pictures in colour.

Please contact Claire Bullaro (c.bear@sasktel.net) with your email address to switch. Thank you.

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The board of directors meets about once a month, usually in the week before the monthly meeting. If you wish to bring an item to the attention of the board, please contact the president.

MAY

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Membership Renewals: All SNS memberships expire on December 31; failure to renew by then may interrupt delivery of your *Newsletter*. Check the upper right corner of your mailing label to see the year your membership expires. New memberships paid after July 1 will continue through the following year. Donations qualify for a tax receipt. Mail in your completed form or bring it to the next meeting.

Membership in the Saskatoon Nature Society

The Saskatoon Nature Society publishes ten newsletters per year informing members of field trips and other activities. Except in the summer, monthly meetings present speakers on a wide range of nature related topics.

Please check: Renewal New Member Change of address
 Membership Category: Individual \$20/yr Family \$30/yr Junior (<19yrs) \$5/yr

Date: _____

Name(s) (please print neatly): _____

(Names/Ages of Children): _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

email: _____ Phone: _____

I would like to receive the SNS Newsletter electronically via email at the above address. You will help the Society save on postage and printing costs.

Membership fee \$ _____ /yr x _____ year(s) (one to five) = \$ _____

Donation (designate a fund if desired)

Kids in Nature Conservation and Education Nature Capital General Fund

One-time donation: \$ _____

Monthly donation:..... \$ _____ /month

For a monthly donation, either (a) attach a cheque marked "VOID" and we will send you a Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) form to be completed and returned to start the process, or (b) download the PAD form from our website (<https://saskatoonnature.org>), complete the form and attach a cheque marked "VOID" and mail to the address below.

Option: Membership in Nature Saskatchewan (see below) \$ _____

TOTAL (please make your cheque payable to Saskatoon Nature Society)..... \$ _____

Mail to: Treasurer, Saskatoon Nature Society, Box 448, RPO University, Saskatoon, SK S7N 4J8 or **payment may be made by e-transfer to Treasurer: treasurer@saskatoonnature.org**

Membership in Nature Saskatchewan

The Saskatoon Nature Society is affiliated with the provincial society, Nature Saskatchewan, but membership is separate and the fee schedule is different. Renewing your provincial membership through SNS earns us a \$2 commission. Nature Saskatchewan is a strong advocate for conservation and education in the province. Benefits of membership include the quarterly journal *Blue Jay*, and spring and fall meets at various locations in the province. More information is available on their web site: www.naturesask.ca. **Note: multi-year Nature Saskatchewan memberships are no longer available.**

<u>Category</u>	<u>Electronic</u>	<u>Print</u>	
Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40	
Family	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45	<input type="checkbox"/> New Member
Student	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	
Senior (>64yrs)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
Foreign	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60	
Organization	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30	<input type="checkbox"/> \$60	