

# PGNC Executive Report to 2023 AGM

## Overview of 2022

2022 was an interesting year as we got back to a lot of in-person meetings and activities post Covid-19. In addition to in-person Executive meetings, we tried to have at least one activity per month and those events were all fairly successful. Thank you to those who came out and those who were willing to organize them as well.

## Field Trips

We started our year with the Annual Swan & Eagle count in January. Spring 2022 seemed to come early and fast. We quickly organized our well-known field trip to Shelley to see Long-billed Curlews in April. As part of the city's annual spring cleanup day, we had our usual Hudson's Bay Wetland Cleanup which was well attended. We had 15 people come out and at least 40 bags of garbage were cleaned up, along with tires, tent poles, carpet tiles, clothes and more! We continued on in the spring by having a nature walk at Cottonwood Island Park in May and a walk at Hudson's Bay Wetland Nature Park in June. The Club President attended the BC Nature AGM in Kelowna to ensure the PGNC had a voice at the table and the north was represented in meetings and seminars there. During the summer months, the club worked with the Northwest Invasive Plant Council to remove invasive plant species at Carrie Jane Gray Park. In September, members of PGNC joined the Northern BC Mycological Society for a foray at Wilkins Regional Park. We had a great turn out despite bad weather for October's members only field trip to see the caribou at Kennedy Siding. Thank you to our Executive member Lauren for teaching us all about her field research with the caribou! In November, we had a rather slippery nature walk at Cottonwood Island Park and closed out the year with the fantastic annual Prince George Christmas Bird Count in December.

## Community and Public Outreach

In 2022, we seriously ramped up our social media presence by using our existing newsletter, Facebook page and group more often and by starting an Instagram account. Our goal to grow our membership and make Club participation a richer experience was successful and we will continue to learn and grow in this area. As part of our interaction with BC Nature and other nature clubs, the director responsible represented us and also took part in an (at least) twice yearly teleconference with counterparts in other northern clubs.

Our Club gained some local media exposure on May 9 when Clive Keen was a guest on CKPG Today. He talked about watching birds in our backyards. Here's the link to the video: <https://tinyurl.com/y44r9r5k>. Clive is a long-time member of the Prince George Naturalists Club and a local birding expert. The Club appreciates his recommendation to viewers to contact the PGNC and learn more about local birds.

## **Members, Volunteers, and Supporters**

As of December 2022, we had 88 memberships to BC Nature. BC Nature provides us with liability insurance and general support. Our Club members include individuals, families and students. All the activities and events could not have happened without the efforts of our many volunteers, the City of Prince George, the Northwest Invasive Plant Council, UNBC, and REAPS just to name a few. The Prince George Naturalists Club is grateful for all this assistance as it continues its work to promote enjoyment of the natural world.

Respectfully submitted,

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