

PGNC Executive Report to 2024 AGM

Overview of 2023

2023 was another interesting year as we went back to online executive meetings because one of our executive members had to suddenly move out of the city. We had a small executive this year and we did our best to run as many events as possible. 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. Then we had our well-known field trip to Shelley to see Long-billed Curlews in April. We had 14 attendees and 27 curlews were spotted! As part of the city's annual spring cleanup day, we had our usual Hudson's Bay Wetland Cleanup. We continued on in the spring by having a nature walk at Cottonwood Island Park in May. The Club's BC Nature Director attended the BC Nature AGM in Langley to ensure the PGNC had a voice at the table and the north was represented in meetings and seminars there. In August, the club worked with the Northwest Invasive Plant Council to remove invasive plant species at Carrie Jane Gray Park. In October, we held another nature walk at Cottonwood Park to get our fix before the snow came. For November we had our annual members' only field trip to see the caribou at Kennedy Siding. A big thank you to our members Lauren and Doug for teaching us about their research with the caribou and caribou behaviours! Later in November, we had a nature photography showcase where many member photos were shared and some stories along with them! We ended the year with the fantastic annual Prince George Christmas Bird Count in December.

Community Outreach and Future Plans

In 2023, we continued to ramp up our social media presence by posting photos by our members and local events that may have been of interest to our members. In 2024, our focus will be on bettering our website and making upgrades to the pamphlets and literature we offer to our community. We have secured a grant from the BC Nature Foundation to assist us with those plans.

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. This year, we are working on a travel reimbursement policy for the Club Representative to attend the BC Nature AGM.

In 2024, our goal is to participate in more community events and grow our membership in the process. We also hope to partner with other like-minded community organizations to accomplish common goals.

Members, Volunteers, and Supporters

As of December 2023, we had 77 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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