

PGNC Executive Report to 2025 AGM

Overview of 2024

2024 was finally, mostly back to normal as we were able to hold most of our executive meetings in person at the Spruce City Wildlife fish hatchery. We had a small executive again this year. Despite that, 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 and Presentations

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 19 attendees and many 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. We also had an interpretive nature walk at the Hudson's Bay Wetland the same month. The Club's BC Nature Director attended the BC Nature AGM in Qualicum Beach to ensure the PGNC had a voice at the table and the north was represented in meetings and seminars there. In June, we partnered with the Prince George Public Library (PGPL) to bring the community a presentation and field trip about BC Native Bees. In August, the club worked with the Northwest Invasive Plant Council to remove invasive plant species at Carrie Jane Gray Park and the Hudson's Bay Wetland. In October, we again partnered with PGPL and the BC Community Bat Program this time to bring the community a presentation on bat conservation in PG. For November, we had planned to have our annual members' only field trip to see the caribou at Kennedy Siding, but were stymied by a large snowstorm and were forced to cancel it. In December, we had another 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...even though it was technically at the beginning of January.

Community Outreach and Future Plans

In 2024, 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. We focused on bettering our website and making upgrades to the pamphlets and literature we offer to our community. We were happy to complete a new bird checklist for the area as well as the Bird Watching in PG brochure. We were also able to produce two stickers. Special thank you to Dave Leman for all his hard work and to the great artists who created the sticker designs. We have again secured a grant from the BC Nature Foundation to assist us with another planned brochure.

On June 1, we participated in two community events. They were SCWA's Community Salmon Fry Release and WALK-PG's Outdoor Festival. It was a great way to get our name and literature out to the community and we hope to participate in even more in 2025.

In 2025, our goal is to grow our membership and grow our volunteer base in the process. We also hope to continue to partner with other like-minded community organizations to accomplish common goals.

Members, Volunteers, and Supporters

As of December 2024, 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, BC Nature Foundation, Spruce City Wildlife, WALK-PG, Northwest Invasive Plant Council, BC Community Bat Program, Native Bee Society of BC, and the Prince George Public Library, 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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